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CLAP presents wage report to administrators

Write-up suggests the University implement a minimum \$12.10 per hour pay for its workers

By AMANDA MICHAELS Assistant News Editor

Four members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) descended upon the Main Building Wednesday at 1 p.m. to present Notre Dame officials with a report on the living wage, which includes the demand that University President Father John Jenkins publicly recognize the issue.

CLAP lead organizer Kamaria Porter, alumni coordinator Aaron Kreider, worker outreach coordinator Joe Murphy and senior member Guadalupe Gomez presented the report and individual letters to Jenkins, Provost Tom Burish, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Vice

Mark Poorman, among a handful of other University officials with offices in the Main Building.

"We want to gain allies. This is an issue that touches us all," said Kamaria Porter, lead organizer of CLAP.

Porter said the 11-page report, which includes a wide variety of information from economic statistics and charts to personal interviews with campus employees, was a work long in progress.

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CLAP representatives sophomore Joe Murphy, left, freshman John Kreider, center, and senior
Kamaria Porter present the group's living wage report at the Main Building Wednesday.

STUDENT SENATE

Academic freedom divides group

Course information system proposal passes

By MADDIE HANNA Associate News Editor

In a two-hour saga of a Student Senate meeting broken by agenda inversions and seemingly constant motions to amend, senators passed two substantial resolutions Wednesday.

But the crux of the meeting, not surprisingly, was a discussion on academic freedom — a recurrent topic during the past several weeks of Senate meetings that came to head Wednesday when a resolution presented on the subject was hotly debated and ultimately sent back to committee for revisions. University Affairs committee chair Matt Walsh described the Resolution Supporting Diversity in Programming and Academic and Intellectual Freedom at Notre Dame as "the product of what our committee kind of considers a middle ground."

"As a Student Senate, I think it's our responsibility to discuss this," Walsh said.

The resolution, which draws upon the 1970 Land O' Lakes Agreement, the Open Speaker Policy outlined in du Lac and the Notre Dame Mission Statement, asks the University to "encourage and

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Academic Affairs committee chair Vijay Ramanan presents a new course information system for students Wednesday.

SMC-TV to broadcast after break

By MOLLY LAMPING News Writer

Saint Mary's students tuning in to channel three upon returning from spring break will finally see the fruit of a seed planted in spring of 2004 — the College's very own TV station.

Originally slated to go on the air at the beginning of the semester, SMC-TV's kick-off has been anticipated by students for a few months.

"I knew it was coming eventually, but I thought it would be here sooner," freshman Kelly Gasior said.

Forum invites external viewpoints



Father James Heft, left, and Jonathan Knight pause during the Faculty Senate Forum on Academic Freedom Wednesday.

By MARY KATE MALONE Assistant News Editor

Two voices from outside the University added to the ongoing campus-wide discussion on academic freedom and Catholic character Wednesday during the Faculty Senate's Forum on Academic Freedom.

Jonathan Knight, director of the Program in Academic Freedom and Tenure for the American Association of University Professors [AAUP], and Father James Heft, Chancellor of the University of Dayton, provided their perspectives on the nature of academic freedom at a Catholic university. But both avoided commenting

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SMC speaker explores Catholicism, sexuality

By MEGAN O'NEIL Saint Mary's Editor

Speaking in the Saint Mary's Student Center Wednesday as part of the Theology on Fire series, religious studies professor Phyllis Kaminski said the Catholic Church values sex as a powerful expression of love in the context of a committed relationship.

"Sex is good," Kaminski said in her lecture titled "Catholic Women and Sexuality: Passion, Power and Prudence." "Sex is also powerful so we have to be careful — not so much out of fear of pregnancy, violence or AIDS or STDs, but because sex is holy."

She said the Catholic tradition emphasizes chastity as a virtue and practice. Chastity is not the same thing as abstinence, she said.

"Chastity calls us to integrate our sexual desires and needs into all of our life in way that values, esteems, and respects our own dignity and that of others," Kaminski said. While the Church Magesterium has made progress clarifying its teaching on sexuality through docu-

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INSIDE COLUMN The 'Oh crap' moments

I've heard a lot of stupid things in my life. Lately, I've begun to lose my sense of what is intelligent — to the point that when my friend thought it would be a good idea to patent a rotat-

ing toilet seat, I didn't tell him he was an idiot. My friends and I have

started watch-

News Production Editor

Joe Piarulli

ing "Elimidate' on the WB at 1 a.m. Let me repeat that. "Elimidate," 1 a.m., WB.

I don't think I want cable in my dorm room next year. It hurts my head.

We all do stupid things. We've been caught dancing by ourselves when no music was on. We've grossly exaggerated stories about a party right in front of someone who was there. What do you tell people when something like that happens?

"Oh, sorry, I'm just completely out of my mind.

It could be worse. In fact, it has been much worse. See, some things don't seem like stupid things to say unless they are said at exactly the wrong moment. This is the part where I offer shameless examples. The following are all completely true, and presented in chronological order for my convenience.

One seemingly innocent day in high school, I was walking with my friend to lunch. We were late, and were just about the only people in the courtyard. I'm not entirely sure of what I said over the course of that conversation, but I remember what she said in response: "That's retarded." The only other person within 100 yards of us? That's right – a mentally challenged individual.

On graduation day of high school, my friend sat next to a guy who had his head shaved. Our class had more than 420 kids, so she didn't know him particularly well. The ensuing conversation went roughly as follows:

"I think it's really stupid that you shaved your head for graduation,' she said.

Actually, I have cancer," he said. 'That's not funny. You shouldn't joke about that. My uncle had cancer," she responded.

Of course, he actually had cancer. Ouch. Throw the flag — that's a personal foul.

The most recent of what I call the "Oh crap," moments took place in North Dining Hall a few weeks ago. My friends had spent the previous night watching the popul Donni Darko," and were in the habit of repeating the quote, "Go back to China b-Well, apparently they were not aware that people of Chinese lineage also eat in North Dining Hall. I doubt that it's necessary to tell other stories involving the phrases, "That's gay," and "Are you blind?" I think you get the idea. Now I'm not telling you to watch what you say. I'm not even telling you to be more sensitive about the feelings of others. I'm just telling you that if you go on "Elimidate," I'll probably see you on there, because I watch that show. Those people are almost as ridiculous as the people who read the Inside Column.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU HAPPY THE LIBRARY IS STAYING OPEN 24 HOURS THIS WEEK?



Amy Vereecke sophomore sophomore

Welsh Family Sorin

"Yes, because

then you can

have sleepovers

with all your

friends."

Dan McInnis

"No, because it's

for me to

reshelve."

just more books really affect me,



Kevin Blinn senior

study very

much."

freshman Knott "It doesn't

"Yes, because it helps me because I don't procrastinate."

Caitlin Dube

PE



off-campus

"The library

should satisfy

students'

desires, but I

have no idea

what those are

... so I don't

really have an

opinion."

Lucrecia Garcia-Iommi grad student

grad student off-campus

"Sure – I miss the donuts too."



Saint Mary's junior Katie Marr helps Linda Seifert with her taxes through the Tax Assistance Program, in which junior and senior accounting major students from Saint Mary's and Notre Dame help anyone who requests aid.

OFFBEAT

Go fly a kite? Not in Lahore, on Sunday. Pakistan

ISLAMABAD — Flying a kite in Pakistan is a dangerous pastime.

Already it's banned for all but 15 days of the year but a provincial minister warned kite-flyers this week that any who cause injury or death with string made from metal or coated with

Kite-flying in Pakistan and neighbouring India often involves aerial duels in which participants try to bring down each other's kites using string coated in a sticky paste of ground-up glass

Cuban on hunger strike for Internet access HAVANA — A Cuban dissident who has been on a hunger strike for 36 days to demand unfettered Internet access is refusing medication and his health is deteriorating rapidly, fellow dissidents

or metal.

said on Wednesday.

Guillermo Farinas, a 41-year-old psychologist, went on a hunger strike on January 31 to press Communist Cuba's authorities to respect his right to freedom of information and allow him Internet access, which is controlled by the government.

Farinas was moved to a

IN BRIEF

The film "Pride and Prejudice" will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. today and Friday in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Call 1-2800 for tickets.

Joyce Majiwa, chairperson of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Kenya Chapter, will speak at Saint Mary's today at 5 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. Her lecture is titled "Women and Leadership in Times of Change: A Personal Reflection."

Musical virtuosos Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall will play acoustic bluegrass in the Leighton Concert Hall at the **DeBartolo Performing Arts** Center today at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$31 for faculty and staff.

The conference "Health Care in an Increasingly Health-Obsessed Culture" will begin today at 6 p.m. in McKenna Hall and will run through Saturday. The conference will bring together undergraduate students from Notre Dame and other institutions with medical professionals to discuss the complexities of modern medicine.

The women's tennis team will face Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Eck **Tennis** Pavilion.

The men's lacrosse team will face North Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

Oh crap.

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glass could be tried under anti-terrorism laws.

The Punjabi chief minister's unprecedented threat came just ahead of the start of an annual kite-flying festival in the provincial capital, hospital in his hometown of Santa Clara, in central Cuba, where he is being kept on an IV drip.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Library hours extended to accomodate midterms week

Students take advantage of Hesburgh Library's 24-hour schedule spurred by Jan. 25 Student Senate resolution

By BECKY HOGAN News Writer

This week, students who study at Hesburgh Library do not have to face a deafening alarm warning them to abandon their studies by 2 a.m. With many midterms administered prior to spring break, the library has remained open for 24 hours since March 5 and will continue to do so until March 11.

Nigel Butterwick, director of User Services at Hesburgh Library, said Student Senate passed a Jan. 25 resolution to increase library hours, making a specific request to have the library open for twenty-four hours during the week of midterms. The resolution also requested the library remain open for 24 hours from Sunday at 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. Thursday.

"We could accept that the exam week before spring break would result in significant use [of the library] especially during peak hours, but we have no evidence that this would be the case as a year long thing," Butterwick said. "I think we will be looking to make a similar arrangement [next year] in the autumn and then again in the spring [for the week of midterms]."

The library staff will look at the figures of students who have attended the library this week to assess whether there is a demand for study space in the library after its regular hours.

Senior Erin Condon, who manages the computer clusters in Hesburgh Library, said there is typically not as much traffic in the library after 2 a.m. during this unofficial midterm week as compared to the week leading up to finals.

Carroll senator Jim Grace said the resolution was created to increase library hours in general.

"A lot of our peer institutions have their libraries open longer than ours," he said.

Grace, who worked on the resolution with Welsh Family senator Annie Duna, said there is a lack of "quiet study space" on campus.

"Many dorm study rooms are being converted into quads, LaFortune is more of a social spot and Co-Mo is usually packed," he said. "I live in Carroll, so I spend a lot of time at the library. When the bells go off at 2 a.m., I never feel like I have gotten enough work done."

Sophomore Michell Chresfield made use of extended hours at the library several times this week while studying for midterms.

"It would be very helpful [if the hours were increased] and I think they shouldn't use those horns," Chresfield said.

Butterwick said increasing library hours on a permanent basis — as the resolution



Juniors Megan Spokes and Bill Potthoff study for a Clinical Ethics test Wednesday in the Hesburgh Library. The library is open 24 hours this week to aid students studying for midterms.

requests — is not feasible at present due to the limited number of staff and the extra costs that would result from such a change.

"It does cost money to keep the library open and it is even more problematic to have the staff to cover [longer hours]," he said.

To accommodate longer study hours this week, members of the library staff have been required to work overtime or work shifts they would not normally work, Butterwick said.

Butterwick said there is no alternative to keeping all floors of the library open because of the physical layout of the building. But as a long-term consideration, remodeling the first and second floors of the library would allow the library staff to keep one part of the library open for study, he said. This would allow the library to accommodate students who need to study past 2 a.m. without needing to open the entire library.

Grace intends to remain persistent with the goals of the resolution.

"We are going to stay in touch with the library and keep pushing [the resolution]," he said. "We're definitely open to compromise on the time."

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Notre Dame to host National Bioethics Conference

By EMMA DRISCOLL News Writer

The National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference — started nine years ago by a group of Notre Dame students — will return to the home of its originators today through Saturday in McKenna Hall.

Entitled "Health Care in an Increasingly Health-Obsessed Culture," this year's conference will feature speakers in the field of bioethics from across the country. Lectures, panels and discussions about various topics in the field of bioethics will focus on a "consideration of how healthobsessed the country has been and what that means," according to junior Kathryn Wilson, Conference Chair.

Wilson said the conference "gives [undergraduates] a chance not only to listen to experts, but to interact with them." Experts include Dr. Paul McHugh, Psychiatrist in Chief of Johns Hopkins University and member of the President's Council on Bioethics — who will deliver the keynote speech on Friday.

Dr. William Hurlbut of Stanford University, another President's Council member, will discuss biotechnology and stem cell research. O. Carter Snead of the Notre Dame Law School will also speak at the event, Wilson said.

Other topics addressed by

speakers will include the role of the patient, the responsibility of the doctor to the patient, reproductive health and bioethics in the judicial system.

Senior Michael Subialka, a member of the Forum on Biomedical Ethics, said the event is comprised of three main components: presentations by professionals in the field, three student presentations and participant discussion. A Notre Dame student will give one of the student presentations and two Notre Dame students will serve on the panels, he said.

"We really believe firmly that the more undergraduates interact with professionals in the field, the more they are going to get out of it personally," Subialka said.

Wilson said the conference is "entirely planned by and for undergraduate participation in bioethics."

"The purpose is just to expose undergraduates to the field," she said.

Schools typically bid to host the conference two years in advance, but while attending the conference at Michigan State her freshman year, Wilson discovered there were no bids to host the 2006 conference.

"With huge interest at Notre Dame, I thought we could definitely put one together," she said. Notre Dame students presented

their ideas last year at the con-

ference held at University of Pennsylvania and successfully obtained the bid to host this year's conference.

Though University organizers "had one year to do what most schools get two years to do," Wilson said this conference has the "best lineup in years."

Approximately 170 people have signed up to attend the conference from schools across the country and from Canada, the majority being from Notre Dame, Subialka said. Hosted by the Forum on Biomedical Ethics, the conference is free to students, who may still register online.

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facilitate a wide-range of programming in order to allow for all students to express their own deeply held views."

their own deeply held views." While "The Vagina Monologues" and Gay and Lesbian Film Screenings are only mentioned by name once in the resolution — a decision intended to keep the resolution broad and far-reaching, Walsh said — the final clause voices strong support for controversial campus programming.

"Therefore be it further resolved that the University never compromise itself by disallowing certain student programming, even programming which may disagree or be perceived to disagree with elements of Catholicism, unless such programming shows no respect for the University's mission or shows no willingness to enter into academic or intellectual conversation," the resolution reads.

Walsh said the resolution argued for "an innate value" to programming like "The Vagina Monologues" with elements that may oppose the University's Catholic character.

At first, senators largely praised the idea behind the resolution, arguing about phrasing issues and hammering out details of particular clauses.

But the most articulate opposition to the resolution came from Academic Affairs committee chair Chris Harris, whose statement temporarily quieted senators and seemed to embolden a few more con"This is in the hands of the administration, Father Jenkins. You have served your constituents well, brought their views to Father Jenkins ... We have done everything we were elected to do."

He described the resolution as a "great attempt at a middle ground — but as we all know, there is no middle ground on this issue."

Siegfried senator Ben Gunty responded to Harris by saying he didn't think the resolution was overly slanted in one direction.

"I think this is serving exactly what the University has said on [academic freedom], in a more formal way," he said. "This is our opportunity and our responsibility to make a decision on this issue."

Carroll senator Jim Grace, who backed many of Harris' points, said he thought "a more reactive approach would be better than preempting this whole thing."

And Farley senator Carol Hendrickson also said she didn't think senators could accurately draft a statement encompassing the views of the entire student body.

"I had no idea [Jenkins] was going into the discussion [with the possibility of] having ['The Vagina Monologues'] every other year," Hendrickson said, referring to a statement made by Jenkins during a March 3 Senate meeting. "I almost agree with Father Jenkins ... I understand his point about balance.

"So now I don't even know what people in my dorm think about having it every other year. I think the issue has changed."

The back-and-forth continued as Lewis senator Katie McHugh firmly defended her committee's resolution. "Great leaders sometimes have to look beyond what their constituents think ... [to] do what's best for the University," she said.



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Morrissey senator Brian Klein and Lewis senator Kate McHugh participate in discussion at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

Ramanan said

So two years ago, student government requested that teacher course evaluation (TCE) form results be made available to students — an idea with good intentions, Ramanan said, but ultimately inadequate and not feasible.

Last year, a Committee for Better Informing the Course Selection Process was formed, with Ramanan and associate provost Dennis Jacobs as cochairs. The committee, composed of students, faculty and administrators, has spent a year crafting the proposal.

The goal of the proposal, Ramanan said, is "so you can get an idea of what [a particular] class and associated activities would be like."

The committee drafted five questions that students would be asked to answer in addition to current TCE questions. The responses to these questions about a particular class, along with information provided by the professor of the class and Institutional Research, would be posted online for only students and the course's professor to view. "It's not to create a resource that identifies easy classes ... [but to] match interests, talents, skills [students] would like to develop to courses we have," Ramanan said. "If you think about this carefully, this [resolution] is kind of a nobrainer " Senators unanimously passed a resolution in support of the committee's proposal. Ramanan said he could not give a full timeline for the project --- which he called "a concept near completion" but said the Faculty Senate would be voting on the proposal at its meeting to be held next month.

resolution in support of Notre Dame Health Services' hiring of a new physician, recommending that this physician specialize "in the treatment of and response to eating disorders, sexual assault and women's health."

Welsh Family senator Brenna Doyle said the Gender Issues committee wanted to stress the importance of hiring a physician with a background in women's issues, such as sexual assault.

"Currently, the Health Center doesn't have a strong reputation [in that field]," Doyle said.

The resolution passed without opposition.

In other Senate news:

◆ The Senate approved student body president Dave Baron and student body vice president Lizzi Shappell's topic for student government's May sentation to the Board Trustees — student-alumni relations. Baron and Shappell will head to Washington D.C. on May 4 to discuss the contrast between Notre Dame 20 years ago and Notre Dame now — a "gap" Baron said was revealed this year during debates over the "Candle" institutional spot and academic freedom.

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ments such as Pope John Paul II's 1997 "The Theology of the Body" and Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical "Deus est Caritas," Kaminski said it nevertheless has a "credibility problem" when it comes to pleasure and the body.

Church officials have a lot to say on moral sexual conduct, but less on professional or financial behavior, she said. Sexuality has become the make or break point on whether an individual is a good Catholic.

"In a broken world where for many women sex is painful and its consequences political, we need to attend to the political as well as the personal and cultural dimensions of sexuality," Kaminski said.

When it comes to issues of sexuality, Kaminski said, women must use their conscience to make prudent decisions.

"By that I mean the process by which you use your own reasoning ability, the sources of divine revelation, the Church's teaching and guidance, the wise counsel of others and your own individual and communal experiences of grace in a sincere effort to choose wisely and well," she said.

In the question and answer portion of the lecture, junior Allison Beyer said the most holy woman in Church tradition is the Virgin Mary, leaving married women without a model for their vocation as wives.

Kaminski said virginity was not an important point in the early Christian Church, but rather this was something that developed later in history. Mary is celebrated for centering herself on her responsibilities to God, she said, and in that sense "can be a model for all women." Senior Jenny Robbins said there are many serious couples today who feel they are in a committed relationship and respect the holiness of sex. Kaminski said many couples say they are open to the future possibility of children in their relationships, but due to financial constraints, professional pursuits or illness, they are not always in a position to get pregnant.

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Harris prefaced his comments by saying, "I don't think I'm going to make friends with this."

"I don't support this resolution," Harris said. "I just want to say ... I support Father Jenkins and the way he's handled this ... When it comes down to it, your views, my views, that's not really the [point]."

Quoting former Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni, Harris said, "We have to represent our constituents. It's obvious there is not consensus on campus ... This is not the time or place for student government to take a stand."

Harris drew a distinction between passing this resolution and a resolution supporting the College Readership Program.

"We're not questioning the merit of a program," he said. Walsh said the University Affairs committee will present a revised form of the resolution at the next Senate meeting.

Šenior Vijay Ramanan, former Academic Affairs committee chair and current student delegate to the University's Academic Council, took the podium af the beginning of the meeting to present a proposal for a course information system for students to use before the registration period each semester.

"For many years, students have been requesting a credible and comprehensive reliable source about [course offerings] at Notre Dame,"

The Senate also passed a

• The Oversight committee announced several award recipients at the meeting.

Baron and Ramanan were both selected to receive the Irish Clover Award for service to the student body.

Political science specialist Joshua Kaplan was chosen to receive the Frank O'Malley award for outstanding undergraduate teaching.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Church in Uganda collapses, 27 dead KAMPALA — A brick wall at a partly con-

structed church in Uganda's capital collapsed onto the congregation Wednesday during an evening thunderstorm, killing at least 27 people and injuring dozens more, authorities said. The Protestant evangelical church in a Kampala slum was under construction, and

parishioners set up a wood-and-tin shack inside the unfinished structure so they could conduct services, regional police Commander Grace Puryagumanawe said.

"We're going to investigate the poor building standards. We have already collected samples of the materials used," he said.

Iran threatens the U.S. with 'pain' VIENNA, Austria — Iran threatened the United States with "harm and pain" Wednesday if the U.S. tries to use the U.N. Security Council as a new and potent lever to punish Tehran for its suspect nuclear program.

Washington warned that Tehran has enough nuclear material for up to 10 atomic bombs.

The rhetoric reflected the intensity of the debate at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy's 35-nation board over a critical report on Iran's nuclear program. The meeting ended late Wednesday, formally opening the path to Security Council action that could range from a mild statement urging compliance to sanctions or even military measures.

The meeting also set the stage for a potential struggle between Washington, which seeks harsh measures against Tehran, and Moscow, which advocates a softer line.

NATIONAL NEWS

Students arrested in Ala. church fires

BIRMINGHAM — Three college students, including two aspiring actors known around campus as pranksters, were arrested Wednesday in a string of nine church fires that spread fear across Alabama last month.

Federal agents said the defendants claimed that the first few blazes were set as "a joke" and that the others were started to throw investigators off the track.

Gov. Bob Riley said the fires did not appear to be "any type of conspiracy against organized religion" or the Baptist faith. With the arrests, he said, "the faith-based community can rest a little easier.'

Benjamin Nathan Moseley and Russell Lee Debusk Jr., both 19-year-old students at Birmingham-Southern College, appeared in federal court and were held on church arson charges pending a hearing Friday. Matthew Lee Cloyd, 20-year-old junior at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was also arrested.

Top bishop accused of sex abuse

SPOKANE, Wash. — A woman has filed a claim that she was sexually abused more than 40 years ago by Bishop William Skylstad, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic bishops and leader of the Spokane Diocese.

Skylstad issued a statement Wednesday denying the accusation, saying he has not violated

SUDAN Thousands march against U.N.

Scores of protesters demand expulsion of American peacekeepers from Darfur

Associated Press

KHARTOUM - Tens of thousands of Sudanese marched through Khartoum on Wednesday, protesting plans to deploy of U.N. peacekeepers in conflict-torn Darfur and demanding the expulsion of the top U.N. and U.S. envoys in the country.

The Sudanese government also increased its opposition to the deployment, with a top official warning that violence will only increase if U.N. troops move in to replace African Union peacekeepers.

"If the U.N arrives the troubles will spread in the region," Mohamed Elsamani, Sudan's minister of state for foreign affairs, said in Nairobi.

Officials from the European Union, the United States and the African Union, along with Sudanese Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, held talks in Brussels aimed at spurring the faltering Darfur peace negotiations.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick said both the EU and Washington wanted to have a bigger peacekeeping force in place in Darfur, but it had to coincide with achieving a lasting peace deal between Darfur rebels and the Sudanese government.

"We hope that the Sudanese government will not resist," Zoellick said. "We hope that the Sudanese government will recognize how this is in its interest to end the violence.'

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In Khartoum, some

30,000 people marched

from Martyrs Square to the offices of the United

Nations, threatening to fight

any U.N. force deployed in

Darfur. They demanded the

removal of the top U.N.

envoy in Sudan, Jan Pronk,

and the U.S. charge d'af-

"Our country will be their graveyard," many in the

crowds chanted, some wav-

ing automatic weapons in

the air. Some carried ban-

ners reading "death to

"Death to invaders" and

A beleaguered 7,000strong African Union peacekeeping force operates in Darfur, where three years of violence has left some 180,000 dead — most from disease and hunger - and displaced another 2 million from their homes.

The AU force has faced severe funding and logistical problems, and its manCouncil has recommended heavy police and security presence closed down roads that the United Nations start planning to take over leading to Western. embassies in the city.

The march was organized by the Popular Organization for the Defense of the Homeland and the Faith, a pro-government umbrella group of religious, civil and women's movements and political parties, including the ruling party.

Protesters at a demonstration in Khartouma carry a banner showing a picture of Jan Pronk,

the special U.N. envoy to Sudan, to oppose foreign interference in Darfur Wednesday.

"We know the Americans and the British are too scared to send troops to Sudan after what has happened to them in Afghanistan and in Iraq, but even if they send pure Muslim or Arab troops we will consider them invaders

al of the organization, told the cheering crowds.

The conflict in Darfur - a large region of western Sudan — began when two rebel groups rose up against rule by the Khartoum government, claiming discrimination against Darfur's ethnic African population.

troops Government launched a crackdown, and Arab militias known as the Janjaweed began a campaign of violence, burning ethnic African villages and driving out, killing and raping the residents. The Sudanese government is widely alleged to have unleashed the Janjaweed,



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the vow of celibacy he took 47 years ago.

The claim was filed against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Spokane on Dec. 27 by a woman who said she was under the age of 18 when Skylstad sexually abused her at St. Patrick's Parish and at Gonzaga University from 1961 to 1964.

LOCAL NEWS

Biofuels plant to be built this spring

CLAYPOOL, Ind. - A French company plans to build a plant capable of producing more than 80 million gallons of biodiesel each year in northern Indiana, state officials said Wednesday.

Louis Dreyfus Agriculture Industries plans this spring to start building the \$135 million plant, which would employ 85 workers, according to a news release from the governor's office.

It will be the ninth biofuel plant in development in Indiana, with the state's only operating ethanol plant in South Bend. Biofuel plants use natural products such as corn to create fuel additives and other energy sources.

date expires at the end of America" and "resistance and will light them," Fatahi though it denies the accusa March. The Security and jihad [holy war]." A Khalil, the secretary-gener- tion.

Clinton speaks out on immigration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, a potential White House candidate in 2008, said Wednesday some Republicans are trying to create a "police state" to round up illegal immigrants.

Clinton, D-N.Y., spoke out on the U.S. immigration policy after largely staying away from an issue that has rolled Congress in recent months and spurred a number of conflicting proposals.

Speaking at a rally of Irish immigrants. Clinton criticized a bill the House passed in December that would impose harsher penalties for undocumented workers.

"Don't turn your backs on what made this country great," she said, calling the measure "a rebuke to what America stands for."

The House measure would make unlawful presence in the United States, which is currently a civil offense, a felony.

Clinton said it would be "an unworkable scheme to try to deport 11 million people, which you have to have a police state to try to do."

She called instead for immigration changes "based on strengthening our borders in order to make us safer from the threat of terrorism."

The senator also sent a four-page public letter to constituents outlining her views on immigration. In the letter, she shied away from specifics but said she does support allowing at least some of the estimated 11 million undocumented workers to earn citizenship.

Such changes should include "a path to earned citizenship for those who are here, working hard, paying taxes, respecting the law, and willing to meet a high bar for becoming a citizen," Clinton wrote.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has offered legislation that would create separate worker programs: one for illegal immigrants already in the country and another for future immigrant workers.

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specifically on how the University should address recent campus "The Vagina events like Monologues.'

There can be a mixture of internal and external circumstances that prompt the examination of propriety and acceptability of a particular academic program," Knight said. "Whether an academic program or activity is to be launched or is to continue is for each institution and faculty and its student body to decide.'

Knight said he did not feel that academic freedom was a sufficient defense for not allowing controversial events to be shown on a broader stage at a University.

"It's difficult to see what principles consistent with academic freedom could be relied upon to not allow a department to have a play performed in a more public venue because its content is deemed offensive," Knight said.

Several faculty members and students who attended the forum nodded as Knight described the AAUP's policy on academic freedom.

Knight quoted excerpts from University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses on academic freedom, and his "striking" distinction between "what is done by an individual on one hand and the group on the other.'

But, Knight said, since an event put on by a group naturally can draw more attention to itself, it's important to distinguish the criteria that constitutes endorsement.

"It's not that the institution is taking a positive step to endorse but it perhaps is seen as endorsing," he said. "I would maintain that the principle for making this kind of judgment cannot focus on the use of institutional resources.'

If the use of University resources constitutes endorsement, Knight said, then professors using e-mail, the library or a classroom to express ideas contrary to Catholic teaching could be implying institutional endorsement.

"I am therefore skeptical that the reason advanced to date for not allowing 'The Vagina Monologues' or the levent formerly known as] Queer Film Festival to continue as they have in the past can find support under principles of academic freedom.

Heft took the podium and provided three metaphors for what a University can be - a "marketplace", a "closed circle" and an "open circle.

"A truly Catholic university will be able to over time sort out the worthy from the unworthy, the insightful from the trivial all the while giving glory to God.'

After both Knight and Heft address the audience, the floor was open for discussion. Some professors expressed dissatisfaction with Heft's comments saying they were too generalized.

"I've served in academic administration for 14 years and eight as provost," he said "I have found it very useful to be as clear as possible on principles but very hesitant to make applications unless you know the full contours of a specified case.'

But Heft tried to further explain his stance by referring to how the University of Dayton "The dealt with Vagina Monologues.

"I think if a University allows external pressure to set its course, it makes a huge mistake .. one of the most important things people need is face time. Sitting down face to face and talking about [a controversial issue.l'

That's how the University of Dayton handled the Vagina Monologues, Raft said. This year Dayton students put on their own version of the "Monologues", allowing both male and female students to share their experiences related to sexuality and self-acceptance.

Notre Dame Law School professor Doug Cassel addressed Knight, highlighting the middle ground between what might appear to be endorsed by a university.

"It strikes me that if a department sponsors a public production of a play, that that is as likely to be perceived by the public at large and many in the University committee as having implicit sponsorship of the University. just as if the University sponsored a play," Cassel said.

Heft noted that Notre Dame is in a unique position as a prominent Catholic university with access to a significant amount of financial support.

"The University has to stand its ground," Heft said. "The danger for a place like this that has resources is to outgrow Catholicism, as it is an ill-fitting stricture, and not draw on those intellectual traditions. ... If you could recapture that as the lifeblood of the debate, you're better off."

Sociology professor Joan Aldous said she was "100 percent in favor of the Sociology Department's sponsorship of 'The Vagina Monologues'" and asked both Knight and Heft how the American setting has played a role in framing the issue of academic freedom.

Heft said too many University

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Two weeks from today, however, the wait will be over. "There is officially no

longer a hold-up," SMC-TV General Manager Michelle Fitzgerald

"The said. President's Cabinet has granted us permission to start broadcasting. SMC-TV is

'strictly a student organization, Fitzgerald said.

The delay occurred because the

station had to go through the President's Council to obtain that special status. A decision was made so the station will not have to answer to Student Activities Board to preserve freedom of speech and expression. In the rare event that station officials cannot make a decision, a station advisory council — consisting of faculty and staff members will step in.

"To build a strong foundation to such a monumental thing at Saint Mary's, we wanted to make

sure all the t's were crossed and the i's were dot-- and the ted too,' j's.

Fitzgerald said. Keith Fowlkes, director of information technology and SMC-TV faculty advisor, said those behind the station aimed to put the "best product possible' out for students.

"We were getting all our bases covered to ensure programming," quality Fowlkes said.

SMC-TV is currently on the air in the form of a scrolling billboard of campus news and events — something that led several students to think this was the station's only purpose.

"The only thing I know [about SMC-TV] is just the ads they run on TV," freshman Emily Perry said.

Fitzgerald, a senior, said the programming of SMC-TV will be much more diverse once it goes on the air after spring break.

"SMC-TV is going to make a concerted effort to cover everything that happens on campus, not just sports or art exhibits, but definitely help to keep senior [comprehensive] presentations and lectures," she said. events, because a lot "Things like Theology on Fire and the diversity conference we had last week, we'll have cameras there.'

The weekly programming will consist of a news program to inform students about events happening around campus as well as two or three shows, including a possible exercise show and a cooking show. Fitzgerald said she hopes faculty and student forums on various issues will also be sponsored and broadcast by SMC-TV.

"It's really just a 21st century version of being an informed human being," Vince Berdayes, communications professor and SMC-TV faculty advi-

sor, said. The programming schedule is drawing both positive and negative reactions from students. "I think it will definitely help to keep people

rent events, because a

> lot of people aren't," freshman Lisa Anderson said.

> Senior Ashley Peltier said though she sees positive parallels between SMC-TV and Notre Dame's station, ND-TV, she wishes it would have been started earlier — and other students agreed.

"I don't feel like much is going to happen," junior Megan Osberger said. "I'm sure it will pick up, but I don't think we [upperclassmen] will ever see much out of it.'

Regardless of differing opinions, Berdayes remains confident that SMC-TV will bring about academic change.

"In the communications department, we have been building a sequence of courses on film production," Berdayes said. "So, now there will be a group of people around campus who will be able to go out and create their own productions.'

Fitzgerald said advertising opportunities on the channel will be plentiful for on-campus organizations and businesses in the South Bend community.

"Sodexho is really interested in having lots of ad time," she said

Anderson, a member of student government, said she believes SMC-TV will be very helpful to advertising events on campus.

'Not everyone reads the posters we put up, but they do watch TV," Anderson said.

SMC-TV will be accessible to students not just from their rooms but also in the dining hall.

'The TV that is currently in the CyberCafe will be moved to the dining hall and a 14inch TV will be placed above the dessert bar so students can watch SMC-TV while enjoying their meals,' Fitzgerald said.

SMC-TV is based in the **Huisking Family Instructional** Technology Resource Center, located near Trumper Computer Center in the basement of the Cushwa-Leighton Library. Fitzgerald said the Huisking family is "the primary source of funding for SMC-TV.'

In addition to the nine students and three faculty members on the core executive staff, about 20 other students are already involved in the project - all are busy drumming up interest among the student body for the new programming when school resumes March 20.

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Creative? Funny? Thought-provoking?

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Michelle Fitzgerald SMC-TV general manager

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Heft described the "marketplace" as an environment where all ideas are discussed and debated and only the fittest survive debate. The nation's elite secular universities aspire to this, Heft said.

The "closed circle" metaphor refers to a university where the "leadership expects full

agreement on all significant aspects related to the mission of the institution.

A university that fits under the "open circle" is circumscribed to "provide a wide variety of ideas."

To be an open circle the University has to value the contributions of every member of the academic community to engage the great questions as a scholarship community," Heft said.

He said that a Catholic university should be able to draw the lines of the circle to accommodate a wide-reaching range of ideas.

presidents - unlike Jenkins are not confident enough to allow their campus communities to engage in discussion about contentious topics, which could be perceived as restricting a U.S. citizen's constitutional right to free speech.

Several professors nodded in agreement as Knight described the need for Universities to tell professors when they are hired if they will be restricted in what they can and cannot teach.

"One thing we've always made clear, if a religious institution imposes restriction on what can be taught ... it needs to make that clear at the outset," Knight said. "The faculty member should be apprised if there are indeed limits on what he or she may say or publish. If there are restraints they should be known."

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NYSE Group stock soars on first day

NEW YORK — Investors welcomed the NYSE Group Inc. to Wall Street Wednesday, sending shares of the newly public New York Stock Exchange up 25 percent in its first trading session on the Big Board.

After nearly 214 years as a not-for-profit exchange, the NYSE transformed itself into a public company following its \$10 billion acquisition of electronic rival Archipelago Holdings Inc. on Tuesday.

"It feels good," said John Thain, chief executive of NYSE Group and the architect of the deal. "Now, of course, we have to demonstrate to our shareholders that there's real value to be had here."

The new company began trading under the ticker symbol NYX Wednesday, with Thain and NYSE Group Chairman Marshall Carter each purchasing 100 shares at \$67 in ceremonial first trades; the price was up \$2.75 from Archipelago's close Tuesday of \$64.25. The stock continued to climb afterward, and finished the session at \$80 per share, up \$15.75. Volume came to more than 18 million shares, about 36 times Archipelago's average daily trade of just under 500,000 shares. The second trade after Thain's was actually conducted on the electronic Nasdaq Stock Market, according to Nasdaq officials, where 100 shares were sold at the same \$67 price one second after Thain's trade was completed. According to Nasdaq's Web site, nearly 6 million NYX shares traded hands through its system.

OPEC output will remain steady

Organization intends to preserve market stability, ensure supply amid terrorism

Associated Press

VIENNA — OPEC said Wednesday it would keep pumping at current levels to ensure adequate supplies as extremists target oil facilities from the Middle East to Nigeria and a confrontation escalates over Iran's suspect nuclear program.

Edmund Daukoru, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the output quota would remain untouched at 28 million barrels a day, but that the 11nation cartel would keep close tabs on the situation in the period when demand traditionally eases between now and summer.

Daukoru conceded the group was preoccupied with prices that have hovered for months above \$60 per barrel — well over the \$40-\$50 range that many OPEC members have called optimal — but he refused to say what price threshold would trigger action.

"We are concerned that prices don't get out of hand — that there's some sanity to price levels," Daukoru said.

"One thing OPEC tries to do is preserve market stability," he added. "We have said we will continue to monitor closely, and depending on what we see we will do what is best for the market. We need to know more about demand."

Demand is expected to slide by up to 2 million barrels a day in the second quarter.

But OPEC's decision to leave production levels alone won't bring beleaguered motorists any relief at the gas pumps, said Jason Schenker, an economist with Wachovia Corp. He predicts retail gas prices could rise with the approach of the summer driving season portation costs and expenses for ethanol blending. The refining industry is introducing ethanol as a substitute for methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, in summer blends of gasoline.

because of higher trans-

"We're not looking for a marked increase, but we could see prices higher than last year," he said.

OPEC pumps about a third of the world's oil, although Daukoru said it would hold about 40 percent of the market through 2010 and could hit 50 percent thereafter. Its daily quota does not include about 1.5 million barrels added by Iraq — a comparative dribble that also worries some members.

Kuwait's oil minister, Sheik Ahmed Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah, said he expects prices will drop below \$60 a barrel between April and June, but are likely to rebound to the \$60 range in the fourth quarter. He said he believes political turmoil and extremism have added \$5 to \$8 to each barrel.

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) President Edmund Maduabebe

Daukoru talks to journalists at the OPEC conference in Vienna Wednesday.

Underscoring how world events are buffeting the market, OPEC issued a statement acknowledging that "world crude oil prices remain volatile, these being driven by geopolitical factors and associated concerns regarding potential future supply disruptions."

It stressed, however: "The market is fundamentally well-supplied with crude oil."

Daukoru said OPEC's next meeting would be June 1 in

Caracas, Venezuela. That country's oil minister, Rafael Ramirez, said he would try anew to push through a cut of at least half a million barrels a day.

Iran's minister of petroleum, Kazem Vaziri Hamaneh — whose country is locked in a standoff with the West over its nuclear activities insisted that Tehran would not retaliate by halting or cutting back on oil exports.

"So far there's no reason to reduce exports. Iran has no intention whatsoever of reducing its oil exports," he said as the International Atomic Energy Agency's 35nation board, also meeting in Vienna, weighed whether to press for deeper involvement with Iran by the U.N. Security Council.



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U.S., Malaysia consider free trade

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, pushing to expand export opportunities for U.S. companies and farmers, announced Wednesday it is launching free trade talks with Malaysia, America's 10th largest trading partner.

Both sides predicted the talks, which are expected to begin in June after a 90-day consultation period with Congress, can be wrapped up by the end of the year.

The administration, facing criticism that its trade policies have contributed to record deficits, assembled a bipartisan group of lawmakers and large business groups at a Capitol Hill news conference to voice their support for the talks with Malaysia.

Enron exec faces cross-examination

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A lawyer for former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling mounted a blistering attack Wednesday on the admitted architect of schemes that helped ruin the company, saying he let his own wife to go to prison because of his raging greed.

The cross-examination of Andrew Fastow, who has linked Skilling and Enron founder Kenneth Lay to massive fraud at the company, provided the most tense and dramatic moments yet in the federal trial of the former chief executives.

Lawyer Daniel Petrocelli focused on the willingness of the former chief financial officer to watch his wife, Lea, serve a year in prison rather than come clean with federal investigators, and Fastow's admission that his own children were indirectly caught up in his crimes.

"So you sacrificed your wife to protect your own self-interests, correct?" Petrocelli asked, in a tone of disbelief.

"I did not go in and plead guilty before that point in time, that's correct," Fastow replied.

Lea Fastow served a year in prison for submitting a tax return that failed to classify as income the kickbacks intended for Fastow — some of which were sent in the form of checks to his two young sons.

"To do those things you must be consumed with an insatiable greed. Is that fair to say?" Petrocelli asked.

"I believe I was extremely greedy and that I lost my moral compass and I've done terrible things that I very much regret," answered Fastow, who has pleaded guilty to two conspiracy counts and agreed to serve up to 10 years in federal prison.

The defense lawyer sought to undermine testimony in which Fastow said Skilling gave his blessing to financial partnerships designed to hide losses at Enron and meet investors' earnings expectations.

The kickbacks Fastow received that roped his wife into the Enron scandal were separate from those financial partnerships. Under questioning from Petrocelli, Fastow said Skilling and Lay received no money from those kickback schemes.

Fastow also said Lay spread false information to Enron employees and the public in late 2001 when he knew the company's finances were crumbling, contrasting Lay's claim that he believed Enron was healthy right to the end.

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"We've been writing this for a month," she said. "We've been researching for over a year. We interviewed people from the Harvard Living Wage Campaign and we talked with the Georgetown Living Wage Campaign — both of which were successful."

The report identifies the concept of living wage - or "the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour workweek to support a family of four," according to the report — as one supported by Catholic Social Teaching.

The report also references the popularity of living wage movements around the country, citing Harvard University, Georgetown University, Stanford University, Swarthmore College and

Wesleyan University as examples of the more than 30 academic institutions nationwide currently paying a living wage to their workers.

To establish a living wage at Notre Dame, the report suggests minimum а \$12.10 per hour wage, or \$25,164 a year, for University employees. "This wage

would put employees above both the poverty level and just about the Food

& Nutrition Service eligibility requirement for food stamps for a family of four. No Notre Dame worker should need food stamps or other federal aid to support [his or her] family," the report said.

The lowest-level Notre Dame employee currently earns

\$13,425, and "most of the lowest paid positions start at a level three minimum pay, earning \$18,842 per year," according to the report.

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living wage report

Though the achievement of this living wage was the organization's greater purpose, Porter said CLAP had three main goals in mind when distributing the report Wednesday. "We want a

meeting with Father Jenkins," she said. "We

want Father Jenkins to make a public commitment to the principle of a living wage. [And] we want a joint task force of students, workers, faculty and administrators to address worker issues and come up with a just policy."

When asked if CLAP would fol-

low the footsteps of the campus labor movement at Harvard and stage a sit-in, Porter said the

group would, if it was "appropriate" and if Jenkins did not recognize CLAP and their requests. "The University values Catholic Social Teaching and being a force for justice, we want a reasoned response and negotiation with people from all

across campus,' Porter said. Porter said no officials were avail-

able for comment at the time of the report distribution.

CLAP is also producing an online petition, which currently has 433 names, as well as a written petition circulating around campus with 500 names. Porter said she hopes the written petition will have 1,600 names by Easter - 40 names for every day of the Lenten season.

CLAP plans to present the *"The University"* petitions to University offivalues Catholic Social cials at a future Teaching and being a time, Porter force for justice, we said, after want a reasoned administrators react Wednesday's negotiation with report. people from all across After deliver-

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Kamaria Porter

lead organizer of CLAP

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strong," she said, pumping her fists in the air. "It's a group of us making a statement. This is so important, and it should be to [the administration] too.'

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Bush recognizes strained life in Big Easy during visit

President views devastation in New Orleans, says Congress must come forward with money for rebuilding efforts

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Six months after Hurricane Katrina, President Bush got a close-up look Wednesday at the mountains of debris, the abandoned homes and the boarded-up businesses that are shocking reminders of the "pain and agony" New Orleans endures still.

In the devastated Lower Ninth Ward, few residents were around to tell Bush how they felt. But two young women held up a sign for his motorcade that said, "Where's my government?" Farther up the road, a man waved a flattened cardboard box on which he had written, "Pres. cut the red tape and help us."

The president scaled down the enthusiastic assessment he made on his last trip to New Orleans in January, when he suggested this city would be a great place for Americans to bring their families and have their conventions. This time, Bush discussed the hard work ahead.

He said Congress must come forward with money for rebuilding New Orleans and its broken levee system.

"I'm getting a view of the progress that is being made," Bush said. "There's still a lot of work to be done, no question about it."

Demolition of the worst-damaged homes in the Lower Ninth Ward began only this week. Those not flattened by the storm had no signs of life and were spray painted with large Xs and, in some cases, the number of bodies found inside.

"You've got a pile of stuff here," Bush said after watching a small bulldozer push a pile of debris on a street littered with a mattress, toys, a cooking pot, several pairs of blue jeans, a box of Pasta Roni and a pair of women's underwear.

"We want people coming home," Bush said, adding that he was pleased to see that Mardi Gras brought so many residents back to celebrate.

A key House panel was set on Tuesday to approve \$4.2 billion in flexible community development funds for hurricane-related housing projects, but lawmakers dedicated that money to all states affected by Katrina. Bush said Congress must allocate all that money just to help compensate Louisianans whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Bush also criticized Congress' earlier diversion of \$1.5 billion in levee-rebuilding money to non-New Orleans-related projects, saying lawmakers "shortchanged the process" of rebuilding the city. He said Congress must reverse the decision even as lawmakers were poised to do so.

The House bill, part of a \$19.1 billion measure for new Katrina relief spending, provides \$1.5 billion in various Army Corps of Engineers water projects, chiefly for rebuilding New Orleans' levee systems.

The president stopped in front of a pink duplex with signs on the porch that said "Keep out! No Trespassing!" Across the street, a house was spray painted with the familiar orange X and the words "DOG DEAD."

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin summoned Bush into the entryway of the pink home, where mold could be seen covering the walls at least chest-high. "You

a small bulldozer push a pile of ought to come see this," Nagin debris on a street littered with a said.

Bush's four-hour stop contrasted with previous visits to the city where he stuck to less affected areas.

It began with a helicopter ride over a landscape of bright blue tarps covering damaged roofs. Then his flight path turned over the marsh land where trees lay on the ground and railroad cars and other debris were strewn in the swamp.

The president tried to focus on the positive. He ordered a meal to go of red beans and rice at a diner and posed for photos with proprietor Kim Stewart.

"Katrina knocked us down, but its not going to keep us there," Stewart said with a smile. But asked whether about the pace of recovery, she changed her upbeat tune. "I think things should be a lot faster," she told reporters.

Said Bush: "I fully understand, and I hope your country understands, the pain and agony that the people of New Orleans and Louisiana and the parishes surrounding New Orleans went through."

Democrats said Bush has not done enough to help the city recover. Democratic Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and John Kerry of Massachusetts issued a report they said detailed the Bush administration's failures to respond adequately to the needs of homeowners and small businesses.

The report said 120,000 Gulf Coast residents are waiting to find out if they will get a disaster loan while more than 140,000 others have been turned down.

Some independent experts have suggested that the Army



President Bush shakes hands with students at College Park Elementary school in Gautier, Miss., Wednesday.

Corps of Engineers is taking shortcuts and using shoddy materials to meet the president's June 1 deadline to rebuild the levees. The agency denies those allegations and Bush said the levees will be "equal or better than what they were before Katrina."

"We fully understand that if the people don't have confidence in the levee system, they're not going to want to come back," Bush said. "People aren't going to want to spend money or invest."

Bush also visited Gautier, Miss., where first lady Laura Bush promoted her foundation that is providing grants to rebuild school library collections in the Gulf. The Bushes also stopped at a waterfront home that is being rebuilt and the president picked up a hammer to install a light fixture.



Writer: 'Da Vinci Code' copied from my work

LONDON — An author who claims "The Da Vinci Code" copied ideas from his work insisted in a British court Wednesday that there are major similarities between his nonfiction book and Dan Brown's crypto-religious thriller — but conceded there are also substantial differences.

"We were writing historical

general they are not protected by copyright.

A lawyer for the publisher, John Baldwin, also said many of the ideas in "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail" did not feature in Brown's book, a mixture of codebreaking, art history, religion and mystical lore that has sold more than 40 million copies since it was published in 2003.

"Your statement that Mr. Brown

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The former "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs" is expanding and seeking new

undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the

Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

is now accepting applications.

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http://corecouncil.nd.edu/

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March 28, 2006, and can be submitted to the

Office of Student Affairs.

Please visit our web site for more information.

conjecture, and Mr. Brown was writing a novel," said Michael Baigent, co-author of "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail."

"One would expect their perspectives to be marginally different, if not substantially different." Nonetheless, he said, the similarities were "fairly specific."

Baigent and co-author Richard Leigh are suing "Da Vinci Code" publisher Random House at Britain's High Court for infringing the copyright of their 1982 book.

They claim Brown's blockbuster "appropriated the architecture" of their work, which explores theories that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, the couple had a child and the bloodline survives.

If the writers succeed in securing an injunction to bar the use of their material, they could hold up the scheduled May 19 release of "The Da Vinci Code" film starring Tom Hanks.

Random House lawyers argue that the ideas in dispute are so

reached all the same historical conjecture you did is fairly misleading," Baldwin told Baigent. "You are being unfair and inaccurate."

Baigent insisted that Brown "used the results of our historical conjecture."

"^{*}The Da Vinci Code' uses the tips of the icebergs that were produced by the research that we did," Baigent said.

New Zealand-born Baigent was appearing for a second day of tense exchanges with Baldwin. At one point, he acknowledged using "infelicitous phraseology" in his witness statement.

"Is infelicitous your long word for being wrong?" said Baldwin.

In a day of testimony that sometimes evoked a university seminar, lawyers, judge and witness pored over well-thumbed copies of "The Da Vinci Code," seeking parallels and differences with "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail."

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Catholic social teachings

It may come as a news flash, but Catholic teaching is about more than sex and the right to life. It covers the entire range of human experience. But how much do you, yourself, really know about Catholic social teach-

ing? If the answer is, "Not much," don't feel so bad. You have plenty of company. "[M]ore than in any other historical period," said Pope John

Paul II, "there is a breakdown in the process of handing on moral and religious values between generations." Over the

past four decades, religion classes at Catholic schools have focused on making collages or imparting the gospel of political correctness. The students, when they become parents, cannot pass on to their children what they never received. But now, help is at

hand. In his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love)," Pope Benedict XVI included a reading list which could be a remedial study assignment.

After affirming the need to build "a just social order in which all receive their share of the world's goods and no longer have to depend on charity," "Deus Caritas Est (DCE)" listed the interventions of "the papal magisterium" in response to the changing "social problems" resulting from industrialization and later developments including "the growth of a globalized economy." Several great popes have developed this teaching, starting with Pope Leo XIII's "Rerum Novarum" in 1891. Pope Pius XI followed with

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Rice Right or Wrong?

"Quadragesimo Anno" (1931) and Pope John XXIII with "Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher)" (1961). Pope Paul VI contributed "Populorum Progressio" (1967) and "Octogesima Adveniens" (1971), addressing especially the social problems in Latin America. John Paul II left a trilogy of social encyclicals. "Laborem Exercens" (1981) on the dignity of work, "Sollicitudo Rei Socialis" (1987), and "Centessimus Annus" (1991) which cautioned against the acceptance of a materialist capitalism as an alternative to the failed prescriptions of Marxism.

At times the guidelines in these documents have met with indifference or hostility from Catholics across the political spectrum, including National Review's adolescent eruption, "Mater Si! Magister No!" in response to John XXIII's Mater et Magistra.

Even a Notre Dame student would find it a daunting task to plow through all those papal teachings. Benedict, however. comes to the rescue by recommending the "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church," published in 2004 by the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. In 255 pages of text, with a detailed index, the Compendium synthesizes all those teachings, beginning with the foundational principle of the dignity of the person which arises from his creation in the image and likeness of God. From that dignity arise the organizing principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, both of which are stressed in DCE. The Compendium covers the family, human work, economic life, the political and international communities, the environment and war and peace.

The Compendium provides a useful overview of the social teachings. But if you want a really short, but excellent, introduction, take a look at "Citizens of

the Heavenly City: A Catechism of Catholic Social Teaching", by Dr. Arthur Hippler, director of the Office of Justice and Peace of the diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. In 154 pages, including notes, Hippler covers it all in a format suitable for individual or group study. The foreword, by Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke, now Archbishop of St. Louis, praises the book for its "attention to the totality of the Church's social teaching, beginning with the sources ... and then progressing to a study of the social implications of the love of God and the love of neighbor." Hippler covers, concisely and accurately, the what and the why of the teachings on family, life, capital punishment, the environment, war and peace, free speech and the common good as well as the just wage and economic justice.

The social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church provide the only coherent response to the dominant utilitarian culture. If you want to be clear about those teachings, Hippler's book will do it for you. Its format is attractive. It is reliable and easy to read.

With Benedict's emphasis on the social teachings in DCE and elsewhere, with the convenient Compendium and with the appearance of accurate, reader-friendly books like Hippler's, no one, especially at Notre Dame, has any excuse for ignorance of the rich and comprehensive social teachings of the Church. So take a look. You might be surprised at what you will find.

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"He who does not get fun and enjoyment out of every day ... needs to reorganize his life."

> George M. Adams author



THE OBSERVER **IEWPOINT**

Thursday, March 9, 2006

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The social responsibility to vote Democrat

I found the article in Wednesday's edition of The Observer titled "Faith impacts political choices, lecturer says" to be an interesting look at the politics of the Catholicism. However, I take issue with [junior] Matt Smith's comments about the compatibility of Catholicism and Republicanism. His case is built on the stances of the Republican Party on what he calls "the five non-negotiable issues of abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, human cloning and gay marriage."

Let me first say that I find the Republican Party's defense of life admirable. I believe the work to foster a greater respect for life is crucial and I believe that in Democratic Party there is a growing minority who share these views. However, saying that these five issues are the only "non-negotiable" ones in Catholic faith misstates Catholic teaching.

One place where I take one major issue with Smith is on gay marriage. What basis is there for gay marriage being non-negotiable? Perhaps in discussing gay marriage Smith should consider that gay marriage is mentioned four times in the Bible, twice in the book of Leviticus, which also suggests that livestock should be used as sacrifices. Furthermore, gay marriage is unmentioned in the Gospels.

However, as I said before, I respect Smith's emphasis on life. I would only challenge

his party to consider its consistency on life. If life is a gift from God, how does he explain the large percentage of Republicans who support taking life through the death penalty?

Finally, Smith's views on non-negotiable issues fail to mention social justice and peace. All three of these issues are mentioned on numerous occasions in the Gospels as central tenets of Jesus' teaching. In his encyclical "Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (On Social Concerns)" Pope John Paul II voiced concerns about Conservative fiscal policy. These issues are also non-negotiable, yet conservative ideology contradicts Biblical and Papal teaching on all three.

I challenge readers to study the Gospels and decide if conservatives have a monopoly on faith. I do not suggest the Democratic Party is without contradictions, but the Republican Party fails in essential ways.

> Michael Folger freshman Zahm Hall March 8

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Mr. PresidenT

I know that there is a good deal of time before the next presidential election, but after a discussion I had with some friends of mine I began to think of someone who would make a great presidential candidate.

After the recent ... well, let's say ... less than completely satisfactory ... group of candidates and presidents we've had over the past few years, I've been thinking it's time we started looking elsewhere

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for our politicians. With the governator's recent run of success, and Jesse Ventura's work as governor of Minn., I began to think of another muscular individual that has had a big influence in American life. My nomination for president is one Laurence Tureaud, also known as Laurence Tero — better known as the legendary Mr. T.

Now I've said before that I don't really follow or understand politics, but I've considered this somewhat seriously and based it on the character Mr. T has portrayed and the real Mr. T himself. So here are my reasons why I think Mr. T would make a great president:

1. He grew up tough. Mr. T is the eleventh of twelve children — four sisters and and seven brothers. He grew up in the projects of Chicago, Ill. He played college football and studied martial arts.

2. He knows how to run the military. After leaving college, Mr. T was a Military Police officer in the U.S. Army. Meaning, next to their superiors, people in the military had to answer to him.

3. He appreciates the Arts. For those of you who have seen the episode of "Family Guy," yes it is true that Mr. T was a Broadway dancer in fact he is the first in his family to do so. This was after he injured his knee playing pro football for the Green Bay Packers.

4. He knows how to protect people. Mr. T was a bodyguard to the stars for nearly nine years, and has protected celebrities like Muhammad Ali, Michael Jackson and Diana Ross. He charged around \$3,000 a day and his business cards had this quote printed on them: "Next to God, there is no better protector than 1."

Hurricane Katrina had much to do with this, and he also donated a great deal of clothing and money to Katrina victims.

6. He's a warrior in his own right. Apparently it was while reading National Geographic that Mr. T first saw the hairstyle which has now become one of his famous trademarks. The same hairstyle is sported by African Mandinka warriors. Adopting this style was a powerful statement, in Mr. T's view, about his African origins.

7. He's smarter than he looks. Many of you probably remember Mr. T's role as tough man Sergeant Bosco "B.A." (short for "bad attitude") Baracus of "The A-Team." When asked at a press conference whether he was as stupid as B.A. Baracus, he said quietly, "It takes a smart guy to play dumb." Speak softly, carry big stick.

8. He's tough, but merciful: Mr. T has never shown himself to be afraid of or unwilling to put a hurt'n on anyone who deserved it, but he's always made it clear that he was willing to show mercy. Frankly, anybody who would challenge Mr. T is a fool in my eyes, and Mr. T always pitied the fool.

9. He's all about the kids. If there was one thing Mr. T stood for more than anything it was standing up for kids — protecting them from drugs and bullies; making sure they had fun, safe places to go; making sure they knew what the right thing to do was and that they did the right thing; always being there to back up kids when they were facing adults as a great equalizer. Whether it was in public service announcements, his cartoon show or in his 1984 rap album titled "Mr. T's Commandments," Mr. T was a powerful force that spoke to children and adults. In some ways Mr. T is still doing his thing with a new twist. He can often be seen discussing things and talking about community programs he's involved in on The Christian Network (TCN).

10. My personal thoughts. It was partially due to Mr. T that I myself never got into serious trouble or ever did drugs. Aside from the whole not-wanting-to-disappoint-my-parents and the fear of health problems and death, there was always that lingering fear that if I was ever doing something I shouldn't have been doing, Mr. T was going to break through a wall and beat the tar out of me. I was also afraid he'd be joined by Sergeant Slaughter and the Mario Brothers while riding inside of Optimus Prime, but that's a whole other issue. Now some of you are probably still thinking I'm crazy for suggesting Mr. T to be the leader of our country, but who better to be a leader than someone that scores of people admired as children and someone who continues to be a symbol of what's right in this world? I can just imagine guys like Osama bin Laden running hysterically scared if they knew Mr. T was coming after them, especially if they messed with a youth center and/or didn't drink their milk.

Swimsuit issues

I was out one night recently when I glanced at my watch and saw it read 9:32. This was great, except it was actually 12:09. Even though my watch would've still been right Danny twice a day, I Jacobs decided to get

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time better than even a watch. In my apartment, for example, when 'Seinfeld" starts, everyone knows it's time for dinner. When you see your parents singing along to your favorite new song, you know it's time to find a favorite newer song. And when winter reaches its nadir (a French word meaning "so frickin' cold outside even the penguins are wearing parkas"), millions of men know it's time for the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

Forget FHM, Maxim and The Economist — if I want to see scantily clad women cavorting in exotic locations, I'm going to look at Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue. My loyalty to the swimsuit issue stems from the fact that I religiously read Sports Illustrated every week. To me, the swimsuit issue is like a bonus in your paycheck or that free sub you get after eating 12.

Because it would be impossible for everyone to see my swimsuit issue, I decided instead to offer you, dear reader, my play-by-play and analysis of it. Let's start at the very beginning, which, as we all know from The Sound of Music, is the note that follows "ti." The magazine's cover featured eight supermodels, eight bikini bottoms and zero bikini tops. Pardon my double entendre, but those are the type of figures you want to see on a magazine cover. The first thing in the magazine was an introduction to the firsttime swimsuit models. My Rookie of the Year is 18-year-old Brooklyn Decker for two reasons: first, she is an ACC gal, saying she lives for the North Carolina Tar Heels and hates "stuffy and uptight" Duke, and second, her name really is Brooklyn Decker. Her parents, "Triple" and "Black &," must be very proud. Next, it was off to Hollywood, where I had only one question: What is Anne V's last name? "Very Hot"? "Five"? Not only did I inspect her pictures very closely

for clues, I also scoured the photos of the other Hollywood models for any leads. Though my search proved fruitless, I did see model Yesica positioned in one picture so it appears the headshots of Dr. Phil and Ryan Seacrest behind her are ogling her butt.

A few pages later, Heidi Klum was wearing painted-on bathing suits. Let me repeat that: Heidi Klum. Bathing suits made of paint. Even more impressive, Heidi posed for the pictures just three months after giving birth to her second child. I can only hope I look as good three months after my second pregnancy.

Some of the pictures inside the Tahiti section made me use my imagination — in one, I had to pretend Ana Beatriz Barros was wearing a bikini made of flowers. It was easier to do than I thought it would be. Next was Molly Sims in Las Vegas, highlighted by her sporting a \$30 million bikini made of diamonds. Not pictured was her in the lesser-known, \$19.99 cubic zirconium bikini.

The rest of the swimsuit issue followed the same pattern of impossibly beautiful women in impossibly exotic locations wearing an impossibly small amount of fabric or their own strategically placed hands. My favorite section was with the cover girls, the supermodels who go only by one name: Veronica, Elle, Daniela and Stacy's Mom, who still has it going on.

Note — the following ending is for lemale readers: Alter 19 seconds, I finished the 2006 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. I learned a valuable lesson — all those women were ugly. Looks are not everything, and society's glorifying of an unattainable body type only further highlights our country's unhealthy obsession with unhealthy, Barbie-like girls. Cancel my issue next year, please. Note — the following ending is for male readers: After 19 hours, I finished the 2006 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. I learned a valuable lesson — I should have majored in body painting.

Mr. T boasts that he never lost a client during his work as a bodyguard, saying, "I got hurt worse growing up in the ghetto than working as a bodyguard.

5. He appreciates the value of gold. When Mr. T worked as a doorman/bouncer, he would take jewelry from disorderly people when he would "show them out." He did this not for the gold, but as testament to how well he performed his job. At one point Mr. T's total collection of gold rings, chains, and bracelets was worth about \$300,000, and it would take nearly an hour to put all of it on.

Some nights Mr. T would sleep in his jewelry, "to see how my ancestors, who were slaves, felt," weight of his chains equaling those that his ancestors were forced to wear.

Recently, however, Mr. T has announced that he would never wear his chains again, claiming that it's an "insult to God." The effects of

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SCENE

ABC drama provides healthy dose of addiction

By CHRIS McGRADY Assistant Scene Editor

No need to call the paramedics — that warm feeling in your chest isn't a heart attack. It's the sensation of enjoyment induced by season one of ABC's hit show "Grey's Anatomy." The show, most accurately described as a more serious version of "Scrubs" or a very light-hearted version of "E.R," is currently airing in its second season.

"Grey's Anatomy" is a play on words of a book titled "Gray's Anatomy," which was originally written by Henry Gray and published in England in 1858 as an anatomical textbook used to educate doctors. This hints at the basis for the show — the struggles of becoming a fullfledged doctor.

"Grey's Anatomy" stars Ellen Pompeo as Meredith Grey, the well-intentioned and talented daughter of the famous Dr. Ellis Grey. Pompeo may be best remembered from her role as Nicole in the college-flick favorite "Old School." After graduating from medical school, Grey is stationed at Seattle Grace Hospital as a medical intern. Joined by an enthusiastic and embattled group of bright-eyed

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young guns, Grey begins to negotiate the complex task of working in a hospital.

Pompeo is joined by Dr. Derek Sheppard, a suave, smart and savvy brain surgeon played by Patrick Dempsey. Dempsey's previous works include the HBO production "Iron Jawed Angels" and ABC's "Once and Again," a role that nabbed him an Emmy nomination. Dempsey is an outstanding actor and is one of the most important facets of the character dynamic that creates the complex beauty of "Grey's Anatomy."

Grey is joined by interns George O'Malley (T.R. Knight), Cristina Yang (Sandra Oh) and Isobel "Izzie" Stevens (Katherine Heigl), all of whom have their own strengths and personal struggles to overcome. O'Malley is the bumbling idiot of the group who can't seem to get anything right. Before the first episode ends, O'Malley is nicknamed "007" for his "license to kill" patients on the operating table. Yang is the highly motivated Stanford grad and will do anything to get to the top. Contrastingly, Stevens is a beautiful, kind-hearted and easygoing character, but is shadowed by her tainted past.

Then there is Grey. She is constantly second guessing herself and is torn

between going with her gut-instinct and what protocol dictates. Grey constantly feels overshadowed by the legacy of her mother and struggles with issues of her identity as a doctor and her desire to stay with the program. Further complicating the matter is Grey's romantic relationship with Sheppard,



"Grey's Anatomy" centers around first-year surgical intern Meredith Grey, played by Ellen Pompeo, fourth from left. The show has enjoyed great acclaim on ABC.

which began before her career at the hospital.

The show's biggest strengths lie with the complexities surrounding its characters. Each one possesses a certain number of flaws and a balancing number of strengths. The audience is torn between loving their characters at times and hating them at others.

Even the most despicable of personas on the show have their moments of endearing sincerity, which begs the viewer to be compelled to tolerate — if not downright be fond of — them.

Additionally, the plotline is both compelling and intricate and rarely feigns on predictable. Although at times the viewer can foresee what is coming, the event itself is usually delivered in a way that makes it seem slightly unpredictable.

"Grey's Anatomy" has managed to find

a balance between being funny and being serious. While other shows based on medical themes may have the audience in stitches ("Scrubs") and others may make them feel like they're on an IV of morphine ("E.R."), "Grey's Anatomy" has found that sweet spot in between, balancing the right amount of hilarity to keep the audience smiling with just a touch of drama and suspense to make the viewer crave the next episode.

"Grey's Anatomy" is increasingly gaining popularity and rightfully so. It has a stellar cast, outstanding writing and a plot line more addictive than Valium. However, this is one addiction viewers won't need to see a doctor about.

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Cage's latest effort misfires, wins no wars

By SEAN SWEANY Scene Critic

From the very beginning of the film, it is clear that "Lord of War" is no ordinary movie. The opening credits depict the life of a bullet, from the manufacturing process to its firing from a gun. When Yuri Orlov (Nicolas Cage) begins his monologue immediately after this, there is hope that this Andrew Niccoldirected film will be different and insightful. Unfortunately, neither the film nor the DVD of "Lord of War" lives up to this promise. "Lord of War" is to gun running as "Blow," the 2001 film starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, is to drug dealing. However, where "Blow" works on many levels, this movie is monotonous and dull. Cage plays a gun runner who strikes it rich at the end of the Cold War, when many small nations bought up all of the surplus arms from the war. In his business he works with African warlords and competes against a rival arms dealer played by Ian Holm. Throughout, Orlov confronts the morali-

ty of his profession while simultaneously hiding it from his supermodel wife, Ava Fontaine Orlov (Bridget Moynahan), and an Interpol agent named Valentine (Ethan Hawke). In the end, although his world crumbles around him, Orlov comes to disturbing realizations about the necessity of his job for world order.

This movie has a multitude of problems. For starters, Cage's acting is very one-dimensional, as usual, and he does voice-over work for much of the movie. limiting any chances for him to actually try to give a performance. The two-hour runtime becomes especially tedious since the scenes are very similar and do not give any new insight to the issues at hand. There are many various subplots, but none is truly developed to any satisfying resolution. In the face of these problems, the supporting acting in the film helps carry it along. Strong performances from Movnahan, Holm, Hawke and Jared Leto as Yuri Orlov's brother help make Cage's acting more palatable. On the whole, the writing in the film is quick and witty, but it rambles on and leads to long and ultimately boring scenes. Niccol, whose previous efforts include "Gattaca," attempts to make "Lord of War" into a picture that is provocative and powerful, but all of these problems cause the movie to simply flounder along to its conclusion. There are chances for the film to redeem itself along the way, but "Lord of War" does not grasp



Lord of War Widescreen Edition Lions Gate



Photo courtesy of mundoJelocio.com

Released on DVD Jan. 17, "Lord of War," starring Nicolas Cage, left, and Jared Leto, follows an arms dealer who must confront the morality of his work.

them and as a result becomes a big misfire.

The two-disc special edition DVD of the movie is nicely packaged and presented, but there is a lack of substance in the way of special features. A "Making Of" featurette is the only worthwhile inclusion. An interactive weapons animation, boring director's commentary and a useless photo album of stills from the movie round out the disappointing special features on the second disc.

In a technical blunder, during the transfer from film to DVD, a portion of the film was cropped off to create the DVD's smaller aspect ratio. While there is no visual impairment to the film, viewers do not see exactly what the director intended. The distributor of the DVD, Lion's Gate, has not released any media explaining this choice or any future remedies.

The ugly reality of arms dealers who make modern war possible is the intended subject of "Lord of War." In its progress towards this goal, the movie becomes bogged down by Cage's acting, the story's repetitive nature and a general inability to relate a coherent message. The DVD does nothing to help make the experience more enjoyable thanks to its technical glitch and lack of interesting special features.

Overall, "Lord of War" is a dud of a film that falls into the one viewing and done category.

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CD REVIEW

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The Subways' debut disc shows strong potential

By MOLLY GRIFFIN Assistant Scene Editor

"Young for Eternity," the first album from The Subways, hit the shelves on Valentine's Day this year, and while the album itself isn't all about love, there is a lot to love about the album itself. With its minimalist music and swelling, catchy choruses. The Subways provethat they are a new band worth watching

The band started in Hertfordshire, England, and moved from relative obscurity to major success following their win at the Glastonbury Music Unsigned Performers Festival Competition in 2004. They found even greater mainstream success with the release of this debut album. The band was a hit in its native Britain and played everything from summer festivals to its own sold-out, headlining tour across the U.K

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Young for **Eternity** The Subways <u>The Subway</u>s Sire / London/Rhino YOUNG FOR ETERNITY ৵৻৾৵৻৵ৼ৾৾ৼ৾৾৾৾৾ Recommended tracks: 'Mary,' 'Oh Yeah,' 'Lines of

Light' and 'I Want to Hear What You've Got to Say'

Mouse on their way to mainstream success, and The Subways have been no exception. Following its performance on "The O.C.," the band will soon perform on the David Letterman show, which should offer them even greater exposure in the United States. The Subways are made up of guitarist/lead singer Billy Lunn, his fiancée Charlotte Cooper on bass and his brother Josh Morgan on drums. The band is relatively young - Lunn is 21 and the other two band members are 19 - but

unknown in the United States, the band

recently crossed the pond in a major way with a gig on "The O.C." The Fox

melodrama has become known as a

launching pad for indie music bands like Death Cab for Cutie and Modest

their sound is more developed than their ages would suggest. "Young for Eternity" is a rollicking mix of pared-down production, punk influences and catchy melodies. The songs move from fast-paced and pounding to calm and melodic, and it is

difficult at times to describe the exact "sound" of The Subways. Their garage-band feel puts them in the realm of bands like the White Stripes and The Strokes, but they manage to put their own unique stamp on their songs.

album The opens with "I Want to Hear



The alternative rock group The Subways, from left, Charlotte Cooper, Billy Lunn and Josh Morgan, formed in 2002 when all the members were teenagers.

What You've Got to Say," a song that begins slowly and simply but gradually shifts to a fast, pounding chorus. It also showcases the fact that Lunn and Cooper share vocal duties, which give many of their songs a kind of "call and answer" feel to them.

The album moves on the punk-tinged "Holiday" and the commanding "Rock and Roll Queen," which is one of the band's more well-known singles. "Mary" exhibits a more unusual blend of folk and punk than some of the other songs on "Young for Eternity" and boasts an extremely catchy guitar line. The heavy sound of "Somewhere" and "Young for Eternity" contrasts with the languid, calm sound of songs like "Lines of Light" and "She Sun."

The best songs on the album include "Oh Yeah," which opens with pounding drums and swelling guitar but transitions into a catchy chorus, as well as "I Want to Hear What You've Got to Say" and the uniquely catchy "Mary".

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The Subways are a great new band and show huge potential for future success. The voices of Lunn and Cooper are better on some songs than on others, but overall "Young for Eternity" is an extremely enjoyable album that displays an intriguing range of musical diversity.

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LEGENDS PREVIEW

Hot Mildren, Brian Klein start spring break on right note

By ERIN McGINN Scene Writer

Midterms are coming to an end, and spring break is only a couple of days away. Even though things are winding down around campus, Legends is still offering plenty of great entertainment. Kicking off the weekend are llot Mildred and John Klein, performing tonight beginning at 10 p.m.

music, but it still has a lot to offer to the audience. It's easy to relate to their song choices, making them favorites for the college crowd. Tonight, the band will be playing a high-energy mix of songs covering everything from U2 to Tom Petty, even including some Kelly Clarkson. With their excellent covers, the band should continue the tradition of wowing Notre Dame audiences.

John Klein, along with Micki Cascio, will follow Hot Mildred as the second act of the evening. Klein is a familiar face for AcoustiCafe attendees, last performing at the Best of AcoustiCafe on Feb.16. Performing a mix of covers and original songs, Klein describes his choices as a Jason Mraz-John Mayer hvbrid. He is an established performer on campus, having participated in AcoustiCafe, numerous PemCo productions and the annual student film festival. For this event, he is joined by Cascio, in her Notre Dame debut, on bongos. the Since meeting at RA orientation this past fall, Klein and Cascio had discussed the possibility of performing together and melding their expertise on guitar and percussions, respectively. This will be their first performance together -



Hot Mildred is a student cover band that has been gaining popularity since it first started last spring. This will be its third performance at Legends this year. They cover songs from the '80s and '90s, as well as songs that are on today's charts, and are easily recognized as student favorites.

Hot Mildred is made up of four members. Senior Larry Bailey is the bassist and back-up vocalist, senior Trish Murphy is the lead singer, graduate stu-Brian dent Zampell plays the drums and graduate Ron Thompson plays the elec-

tric guitar. Although Hot Mildred has only been around since last spring, Bailey and Thompson have been playing together since 2003.

Hot Mildred does not write their own

Legends Concert

Hot Mildred

John Klein & Micki Cascio

Thursday at 10 p.m.

admission is free

Student band Hot Mildren, including lead singer Trish Murphy, right, will perform tonight at Legends. They will be joined by John Klein and Micki Cascio.

minus the rehearsals leading up to this show — and both are excited about this opportunity.

Klein said that along with covers and original songs, the audience can expect "a few bad jokes," as he wants to keep the mood of the night fun and mellow. With the set beginning and ending with Mraz covers, the evening will include songs by other popular artists including Mayer, Jack Johnson, Jimmy Eat World, The Shins and "happy" Dashboard Confessional, as well as Klein's original work.

One of Klein's biggest goals to is to

introduce to the audience unfamiliar songs by familiar artists. In the spirit of keeping the night fun, he also wants the performance and songs to be "as un-emo as possible.

Whether students' interests are popular hits from the '80s through today, or stylings along the lines of Mraz, there is something for everyone tonight. Sure to get spring break off to a great start, the show promises a welcome relief from the rigors of midterm week.

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BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

McNamara's last-second three pushes Orange past Cincy

Rutgers upsets Seton Hall as Donald Copeland puts up 28 points for the Pirates while teammates fall apart

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gerry McNamara has made plenty of big shots for Syracuse. This one might have topped them all.

The senior guard drove the length of the court and hit a 3pointer with a half-second left, leading Syracuse to a riveting 74-73 victory over Cincinnati on Wednesday in the first round of the Big East tournament. The Orange greatly improved their chances of earning an at-large NCAA berth.

"I think this, with the situation we're in and under the circumstances, is probably the most important to me right now," McNamara said. "This is the most important shot I've hit."

With the Orange (20-11) trailing 73-71 and just more than 6 seconds to go, McNamara dribbled through the Cincinnati defense and hoisted a onehanded shot between the NBA and college 3-point lines.

Official Curtis Shaw immediately ruled the shot a 3, and the play was reviewed and upheld. McNamara was then serenaded by chants of "Gerry! Gerry!" by the Madison Square Garden crowd.

"I wanted to take what I got," McNamara said. "If I'm going to take a runner, I'm not going to step on the line. I made sure I was behind the line."

Jihad Muhammad took a des-

peration shot from near half court that hit the front of the rim at the buzzer, sealing the win for Syracuse.

"We had our opportunities and we didn't take advantage of them," Bearcats coach Andy Kennedy said. "When you give a team like Syracuse and you let Gerry McNamara have a window of opportunity, unfortunately sometimes you have to live with the feeling we currently have."

The Orange, who lost their previous three games, will play top-ranked Connecticut in the second round Thursday. The Huskies (27-2) earned a firstround bye.

McNamara finished with 17 points on 6-of-17 shooting, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range, for ninth-seeded Syracuse. Terrence Roberts added 16 points and nine rebounds, and Darryl Watkins had 15 points.

McNamara helped the Orange win a national championship when he hit six 3-pointers against Kansas in 2003, and scored 43 points against BYU in an NCAA tournament win the following year. But this shot was something else.

"Every kid dreams of making a shot," McNamara said. "I'm glad I made it. More importantly, we won the game. That's really all that matters here. We move on, and we need to."

Coach Jim Boeheim angrily

SETONHAP 1 SETONHALI 10 responded to comments by unidentified assistant coaches in Syracuse-area newspapers that called McNamara overrated.

"Without Gerry McNamara, we wouldn't have won 10 games this year," Boeheim said.

Rutgers 61, Seton Hall 48

The Scarlet Knights extended coach Gary Waters' career at Rutgers for at least one more game.

Rutgers won its second straight game since Waters announced March 1 he would resign at the end of the season, beating Seton Hall in the opening round of the Big East tournament on Wednesday night.

"We're not playing harder because he's leaving," said Quincy Douby, who led the Scarlet Knights with 18 points. We're playing hard because that's what's needed to win."

Rutgers (18-12) will play second-ranked Villanova on Thursday night. The Wildcats (23-3) earned a first-round bye.

"It's going to be a tough game," said Douby, who led the Big East in scoring at 25.1 points.

Douby scored 12 of his points in the second half and didn't make his first field goal until hitting a pull-up with 3:13 left in the first half. However he did finish with a season-high seven assists.

"The thing you see from Douby is that he can do more than just shoot the basketball," Waters said. "When he'd get the double-team, he'd find the open man."

The 10th-seeded Scarlet Knights, who have won four of their last five games, beat St. John's 82-70 on Sunday to get into the Big East tournament.

Donald Copeland provided the only offense for Seton Hall (18-11), which shot a tournamentrecord low 25.4 percent (15-for-59) from the field. The Pirates broke Boston College's mark of 27.3 percent against St. John's on March 6, 2002.

"It seemed like there was a lid on the basket," Seton Hall coach Louis Orr said.

Copeland matched his career high with 28 points, including six 3-pointers.

Kelly Whitney, the Pirates' second leading scorer at 15.5 points, hit his only field goal on a put-back with 9:55 left in the game. He finished with three points.



Syracuse's Gerry McNamara puts up the winning shot with half a second left in the Orange's 74-73 win over Cinicinnati Tuesday in the Big East tournament.

doubling."

Seton Hall will have to wait until Sunday to see whether it makes the NCAA tournament. Copeland isn't concerned.

"We feel we built a strong enough resume," he said. "We finished top seven in our league and feel confident with what we accomplished in the regular season."

Pittsburgh 61, Louisville 56

Pittsburgh's big lead kept shrinking. The coach on the other bench had been through this before and he made sure his players knew that.

Carl Krauser scored 19 points and No. 15 Pittsburgh, despite not making a field goal over the final 13 1/2 minutes, held on to beat Louisville Wednesday night in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

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crowd at Madison Square Garden was starting to get behind the Cardinals.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino had been through this before. He was the coach at Kentucky when the Wildcats wiped out a 31-point second-half deficit to beat LSU 99-95 on Feb. 15, 1994.

"I told the team at the timeout with 15:35 to go in the game that this was exactly the situation I was in a few years ago and that we can do it, we can come back," Pitino said. "We just have to take smart shots, treat every possession as if the game is on the line and we can win it. I actually did mention that game."

The result didn't turn out the same but Louisville did get within three points twice.

Aaron Gray made three free throws for Pitt to get the lead back to 13, but the Cardinals weren't done. A 3-pointer by freshman Andre McGee got Louisville within 54-47 with 1:15 to go. When Gray missed two free throws with 32 seconds left, Taquan Dean hit an NBA-distance 3 to make it 57-54.

Pirates' guard Donald Copeland reacts after making a basket during Rutgers 61-48 over Seton Hall Wednesday. Copeland scored 28 points, but the rest of his Seton Hall squad was only 6-for-41. "I give Rutgers some credit," Orr said. "They tried to make Kelly uncomfortable with the

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The USA should never lose to Canada in baseball. In fact, Uncle Sam shouldn't lose to the Canucks in anything... except bear vaiting.

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WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC



Canada first baseman Justin Morneau tags out Team USA's Michael Young after Young grounded out to first during the third inning of Team USA's loss to Canada Wednesday in Phoenix.

Team USA embarrassed by Canada 8-6

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Adam Stern hit .133 in 36 games for the Boston Red Sox in an injury-plagued 2005 season. Adam Loewen spent all of last year at Class A Frederick in the Baltimore organization.

Ŏn a brisk Wednesday afternoon, they outshone the Jeters and A-Rods of Team USA, leading Canada to an surprising 8-6 victory in the first round of the inaugural World Baseball Classic.

"We like to tell everyone we can play baseball, too," Stern said. "We're not just a hockey country.'

Stern hit an inside-thepark homer, drove in four runs and made two sensational catches in center.

Loewen, a 21-year-old left-hander, gave up three hits and walked three but didn't allow a run in 3 2-3 innings and got the victory.

'He pitched a heck of a game," U.S. manager Buck Martinez said, "and he showed a lot of composure for a guy that hasn't pitched about A-ball."

Loewen escaped a basesloaded jam in the first when Chipper Jones hit into a double play.

"The team played unbelievably behind me," Loewen said. "Stern had the game of his life.'

Jason Varitek's 448-foot grand slam helped bring the United States back from an 8-0 deficit, but a Canadian team made up largely of minor leaguers held on.

"It's a very quiet locker room right now," Martinez said. "I think everybody is feeling like they got kicked in the stomach.

Chase Utley thought he had given the United States the lead in the eighth, flipping his bat and raising both arms in triumph after he hit a long drive to center with two on. But Stern made a leaping catch at the wall near the 407-foot sign to end the inning.

'I thought Chase's ball was gone when he hit it," Derek Jeter said. "I mean. he crushed that ball, but you've got to hit it pretty good to get it out in that part of the park."

A crowd of 16,993 at Chase Field alternated between booing America's futility and supportive chants of "U-S-A!"

The United States (1-1) must beat South Africa on Friday, when 43-year-old Roger Clemens starts for the Americans, or have Mexico lose one of its remaining games to stay alive in the 16-nation tournament.

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Duke, UNC favored in ACC **Colorado and Montreal** tournament trade goalies

GREENSBORO. N.C. — The Atlantic Coast Conference tournament returns to Tobacco Road after a year in Washington, and not much has changed.

Sure, there are 12 teams instead of 11 and a handful of new players figure to leave their mark on the renewal of college basketball's original conference tournament.

Yet some things always seem to stay the same. Duke and North Carolina again are the favorites, with several other teams scrambling to improve their chances of getting in the NCAA tournament.

Duke finished first in the regular season despite losing its final two games, followed by the surprising Tar Heels. ACC coach of the year Roy Williams did a masterful job guiding his young team to victories in its final seven games and 10 of the last 11.

DENVER — Colorado and Montreal swapped goalies Wednesday with Jose Theodore heading to the Avalanche in exchange for David Aebischer.

The swap marks the second time a high-profile goaltender left Montreal for Denver, following Patrick Roy's historic move to the mile-high city during the 1995-96 season.

Theodore, 29, has a 3.46 goalsagainst average and an .881 save percentage this season. Aebischer, 28, has a 2.98 goals-against average and a .900 save percentage.

Aebischer, who had a miserable month of December before turning his season around in January, is 25-14-2 this season.

Theodore fractured his right heel last month while putting salt on the ice outside his Montreal home. He plans to return to hockey in April and the Avs said they expect him to be 100 percent for the playoffs.

Bradshaw bares all in latest movie

NEW YORK - Pssst. Wanna see **Terry Bradshaw naked?**

What's that you say? Should be good for a laugh, if you don't turn into a pillar of salt first?

That's OK with Bradshaw. As usual, he did it to make you crack up.

Bradshaw bares all in "Failure to Launch." in which he co-stars with Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the parents of a 35-year-old man (Matthew McConaughey) still living at home. They're reduced to hiring a woman (Sarah Jessica Parker) to seduce their son and induce him to leave.

"Not that I got a lot to show off here. But I really thought, and I think I'm right," Bradshaw says, "you seeing my butt is a shocker.

Once I dropped my boxer shorts and exposed myself to the entire crew, it was kind of refreshing in a way," he says, chortling again. "I was like: I can BREATHE."

NCAA Men's Basketball

Sutton considering return

Former Cowboys head coach promises he'll solve alcohol problem

Associated Press

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TULSA, Okla. — Oklahoma State basketball coach Eddie Sutton, who was involved in a drunken driving traffic accident and will soon undergo a treatment program for alcoholism, said there is a possibility he could coach the team next season.

"I'll just have to see how I feel," Sutton told the Tulsa World Tuesday night in his first interview since the Feb. 10 accident. "It's amazing how many coaches across the country have called me and told me, 'Don't hang it up. Get back out there and coach some more.' I'll talk to our coaches and see how I feel."

Sutton underwent surgery on Feb. 23 to relieve pain in his back and hip. "I still have a little pain, but I think that will soon disappear. It's nothing like it was before the surgery," he said. "It's just amazing. When you feel good, your outlook on life is so much different. My doctors had told me that I would feel a lot better after the surgery, so I did expect to feel better. But it's really been amazing how good I feel."

After being charged with driving under the influence, Sutton announced he was taking an indefinite medical leave of absence and that he has "a problem with alcohol." A test revealed that at the time of the accident, Sutton's blood alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit. was seriously Nobody injured, although Sutton suffered a cut on his face. He has a prominent, U-shaped scar above his left eyebrow.

Since the accident, Sean Sutton, Eddie Sutton's son, has been the school's acting head coach. He and the Cowboys are in Dallas to prepare for Thursday's first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

Eddie Sutton said he will spend several days with a physical therapist before leaving the state for five. weeks of alcohol treatment.

"I'll be out of commission for a while," he said. He needs three more victo-

He needs three more victories to become only the fifth major-college coach to record 800 career wins. In spite of being away from the team, Sutton has been credited with OSU's recent victories over Texas, Texas Tech and Baylor.

He said he has been overwhelmed by support.

"That first week [after the accident], I was averaging 100 letters a day. It was unbelievable," he said. "It's almost impossible to answer them all. The fans have been so supportive. It's meant a lot to me."

NBA

Webb puts up enough bricks to build a house

Former and current NBA players help out Habitat for Humanity

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Spud Webb, who became famous for his spectacular ball-handling skills during his 12 years in the NBA, was not very comfortable with his hammer-handling skills on Wednesday.

Sitting on the plywood deck being installed in a Habitat for Humanities house, Webb was not having a lot of success driving in the nails that would hold the subflooring down.

"I have a newfound respect for people who do all this hard work," Webb said.

"From now on when I walk through a house I'll have a lot of respect for what went into building it."

Webb was among a number of former NBA stars and current

members of the Hornets and Lakers who spent part of Wednesday working on a Habitat house in the flood-ravaged Ninth Ward.

Habitat hopes to build between 100 and 200 houses in the city which lost almost 200,000 houses in Hurricane Katrina. The three now being worked on in one of the worst flooded areas, are being built above the Federal Emergency Management Agency flood guidelines, said Elizabeth Lisle, deputy director of the New Orleans chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

"If you look at the flood marks in this neighborhood they're about 18 inches high,"Lisle said. "We're building five feet off the ground."

The Lakers and Hornets were scheduled to play the first professional game in New Orleans since the Aug. 29 storm on Wednesday night. Players said it was unusual to do anything besides game preparations on the day of the game. They felt showing up for the Habitat session was worth breaking that routine.

"I love working with Habitat for Humanity," said Hornets center P.J. Brown. "Especially in a situation like this."

After driving around the city, Brown said he was heartbroken about the destruction, but pleased with the activity he saw. He took it as a good sign of recovery, despite the destruction that

remained. NBA commissioner David Stern arrived after spending the morning with city and state officials and accessing the status of the city.

city. "There's no doubt the city is making progress," Stern said.

The Hornets are only scheduled to play six games in New Orleans next season, but Stern reiterated his promise that the city would get its team back.

"Yes, there will be an NBA team here," Stern said.

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Denny Moore Award For Excellence in Journalism

Puckett wanted organs donated

Associated Press

MLB

Before he suffered a life-ending stroke, Minnesota Twins star Kirby Puckett was happy and upbeat, still had a love for baseball, and was a strong supporter of organ donation, according to his former wife and the woman he planned to marry.

"I do want people to know that Kirby was a very happy man and that retirement gave him the opportunity to do things he always wanted to do," said Jodi Olson, who had planned to marry Puckett. "He was just ready to live the rest of his life."

Puckett, 45, died Monday after suffering a devastating stroke a day earlier.

His former wife, Tonya Puckett, said the Twins Hall of Famer was a believer in organ donation, and officials were evaluating whether that was possible earlier this week.

"I just know there are eight organs, one of which might be a match for his sister, Jackie," said Tonya Puckett adding match.

Kirby Puckett's 12-year baseball career was cut short in 1996 by glaucoma. In recent years, Puckett had become overweight. Still, he remained upbeat, Olson said.

Olson, who was to marry Kirby Puckett on June 24, said she and Puckett were happy and "entering the next chapter in our lives."

Olson said Puckett wasn't bitter or reclusive.

"He certainly didn't give up on baseball. He watched it constantly," she said.

Olson said Puckett had been working out with a personal trainer at their house in Scottsdale, Ariz., to prepare for the wedding.

"I know a lot of articles have come out questioning whether his weight was the reason for this," she said. "And his weight had absolutely nothing to do with this."

"There were no signs, whatsoever, that this could happen," she said. "He told me he loved me as soon as he woke up in the morning [Sunday], and it all happened in a split second." "I know that I've made peace with Kirby," she said. "I really have. And for me, that came a long time ago. I can tell you that I've never loved a man like I loved him."

Tonya Puckett said she is pleased that his memorial service will bear the imprint of their teenage children. t of hat ling hαrd work." vas Spud Webb ber former Lakers guard

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that Jackie, who lives outside Chicago, has kidney disease.

"I don't know the other organs they have [potentially] found matches for," she said. "It's just amazing. That's how my life with him was. He always made it happen, found a way to let somebody benefit; made some good out of everything, even in his death. How can you top that?"

On Sunday, friends and fans will remember Puckett at a Metrodome memorial service at 7 p.m. Gates will open at 6 p.m., with no reserved seating. The Puckett family will hold a private visitation and memorial service Sunday afternoon.

Even in life Kirby Puckett had tried to help others through organ donation. Tonya Puckett said that when former Twin Rod Carew's daughter Michelle needed bone marrow, Kirby went to see if he was a

Olson said she called 911 and rode in the ambulance with Puckett, but was not able to communicate with him. She said he never regained consciousness.

Olson said she wanted people to know that Puckett loved his children, Catherine and Kirby Jr., and that he had become close to her son, Cameron. She said she was thankful for the support of Tonya Puckett.

"Tonya has been truly wonderful through this," Olson said. "I'm very close to his siblings. He was very close to my family. Which, sometimes, people think is uncommon. But it was one big happy family."

Tonya Puckett said it's been difficult to hear the media rehash the low points in their relationship. Candidates must be seniors who exemplify the qualities for which Denny Moore was known, including personal integrity and character, commitment to Notre Dame, and writing ability.

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NFL

Owners strike last second deal with union

Agreement extends through 2011 season; new revenue-sharing component will cost franchises \$850-\$900 million

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — NFL owners were willing to trade nearly a billion dollars for the certainty of a salary cap rather than risk life without one.

And they waited until the last minute to do it.

But the NFE's 32 divided owners finally agreed Wednesday evening to the union's proposal, including a revenue-sharing component that will cost owners nearly a billion dollars over the next six years.

The deal will carry the NFL through the 2011 season. Two low-revenue teams, Buffalo and Cincinnati, cast the only votes against.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said \$850 million to \$900 million in players' salary will be added over the life of the deal

because of the revenue-sharing component, which the union fought for throughout the onagain, off-again talks. The money will come from the teams that make the most in revenue beyond the television money that is already shared. Only the top 15 revenue teams in each year will be required to pay into that part of the salary pool.

Now the league's free agency period, put off twice by protracted negotiations, will start Saturday to give teams additional time to get under the newly elevated salary cap.

The spending limit for teams will be \$102 million this year, \$7.5 million more than it would have been without a deal, and 20 percent higher than the 2005 figure of \$85.5 million. Still, some teams may have to

cut players to get under the cap by Saturday.

The cap will increase to \$109 million in 2007, which would have been an uncapped year that would have widened the spending gap between teams even more.

"We want teams to get additional money to re-sign players, rather than cutting them,' Tagliabue said.

The deal was put together by nine teams who began on different sides of the revenue debate, including such high-revenue teams as New

England and Dallas. We were willing to make some sacrifices to get this thing done," said Dallas owner Jerry

Jones, the most vocal opponent of revenue sharing. "The proposal from the union was a mean mother.

Daniel Snyder of Washington, Jones' ally among the high-revenue teams, was more upbeat. "It's really a win-win situa-

tion," he said.

Added Oakland's ailing Al Davis, a longtime maverick who was one of Tagliabue's leading supporters during this debate: "The whole idea was that no one was totally dissatisfied. We had to have labor peace. That's why I came all the way here. I don't make many of these trips anvmore.'

The agreement comes after a week of on-again, off-again negotiations, culminating in a two-day owners meeting. Tagliabue predicted it would

come down to the 11th hour. It did and perhaps went beyond: Tagliabue said an agreement was reached at 6:59 and 59 seconds CST, a second before the deadline to notify the union. League spokesman Greg

Aiello originally announced the deal had taken place at 7:35 p.m. after league officials said earlier the 8 p.m. deadline didn't specify what time zone.

The union didn't seem to care.

"This agreement is not about one side winning or losing," Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the NFL Players Association said in

a statement. "Ultimately, it is about what is best for the players, the owners and the fans of the National Football League. As caretakers of the game we have acted in the manner the founders intended.

"Moving forward, this new agreement-gives us the opportunity to continue our unprecedented success and growth."

The deal probably saved a lot of veteran players from being released for salary cap reasons. Even Brentson Buckner, a defensive tackle cut last week by Carolina, was upbeat.

"It's also good for the guys like me because now somebody has a little extra money and they can go after a veteran who might have gotten squeezed out in this," Buckner said. "I'm sure the veteran minimum is going to go up, so guys like me can go out and get a one-year somewhere and feel good about the situation they are going into."

The real debate was between the owners themselves on the important issue of expanded revenue sharing.

Low-income teams say highrevenue teams should contribute proportionately to the player pool because they can earn far more in nonfootball income from things such as advertising and local radio rights.

Under the new deal, the bottom 17 teams in revenue will not contribute to the pool, which will be funded with the top five teams contributing the most; the second five less; and the third five less than them.

Still, two of the lowest-revenue teams voted "no.

"I didn't understand it," said Buffalo's Ralph Wilson. "It is a very complicated issue and I didn't believe we should be rushing to vote in 45 minutes. I'm not a dropout ... or maybe I am. I didn't understand it."

That 45 minutes followed a series of daylong caucuses and finally came out of a fusion of plans that Tagliabue said was forged by nine teams.

One was proposed by the New York Jets and New England, a second by Pittsburgh and Baltimore. Then John Mara of the New York Giants, Pat Bowlen of Denver and Jerry **Richardson of Carolina met** with Tagliabue and put the ideas together.

Jones and Arthur Blank of Atlanta contributed a little more, and then Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, whose son Art was involved in the Pittsburgh plan, joined with Atlanta general manager Rich McKay for additional touches.

NBA Superdome sells out in Hornets' return to New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — They came

in talking about Katrina. They left talking about Kobe. Kobe Bryant scored 18 of his

ECDC 2006-07 Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame (ECDC) is currently registering for the 2006 Summer program and the 40 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the New Orleans Hornets 113-107 Wednesday night, disappointing the standing room crowd that put aside its Hurricane Katrina problems for a night of cheering on its team.

"It was great, just the wrong ending," said Tom David, who took the night off from working on his parents' flooded house to attend the game. "A little touch of normalcy." It was the first professional sporting event in New Orleans since the Aug. 29 storm destroyed much of the city, scattered residents across the United States and sent the Hornets to Oklahoma City for the season.

fortunate to come away with a win tonight."

Hornets owner George Shinn had worried about the city's ability to supply a crowd for the game — the first of three to be played in New Orleans this season. Only an estimated 189,000 of the city's roughly 465,000 pre-Katrina residents have returned. But the game was a sellout, with 17,744 people a game. It's a real symbol of our ability to restore and renew ourselves and come back strong.'

The Lakers couldn't quiet the crowd even when they took a 10point lead in the first half and led 58-52 at halftime.

"They gave us everything they had from start to finish," Hornets center P.J. Brown said of the fans. "You could feel the energy from jump ball." The Hornets opened the third quarter with a 15-8 run to take the lead 67-66 on David West's 20-foot jumper with 5:19 left. Los Angeles trailed 87-83 with 9:33 left in the game, but rallied behind Bryant, who also hit 14 of 16 free throws. "He's a great player and he made some difficult shots for them," Hornets guard Speedy Claxton said. **Hornets forward Desmond** Mason's layup with 3:16 left tied it at 97. But Bryant's 3-pointer at 2:19 put the Lakers ahead 100-97 and the Hornets could never eatch up. Lamar Odom scored 18 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for Los Angeles, Smush Parker had 16 points and Sasha Vujacic had 10. West led the Hornets with 25 points, Chris Paul and Claxton each scored 22 and Aaron Williams added 10. Paul also had 10 rebounds.

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue flashes a grin while addressing the media regarding the six-year deal approved at the NFL owners meeting Wednesday in Grapevine, Texas.

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"It was a big game for us. It was a big game for both teams," Bryant said. "We were

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jammed in and the Arena's \$10 million restoration ready for the crowd and the game.

"It's a sellout, which sends a signal around the country that New Orleans is coming back," Shinn said.

Fans arrived early and happy, congregating outside well before tip-off and forming a line that ran down the block to get in.

"It feels wonderful to be here," said Betty Parker. "We had to drive in from Baton Rouge for it, but it's still our hometown team.'

The Hornets will play 35 games in Oklahoma City next season and six in New Orleans, but both Shinn and NBA commissioner David Stern repeated assurances that they planned for the team to return to New Orleans in 2007.

"This is incredibly important," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said as she watched the game. "It's not just

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Selig withholds opinion on Bonds

Giants' slugger Barry Bonds coming under fire, releases statement

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Bud Selig wants to read the book before making any decisions about Barry Bonds.

On a day when Bonds was in California for a child custody hearing, baseball kept buzzing about him Wednesday — specifically, about an upcoming book that describes in vivid detail the slugger's alleged steroids use.

Selig has no plans to meet with the San Francisco star. Instead, the commissioner will wait.

"I will review all the material that's relative in every way," he said. "Obviously, we've only seen parts of things.

"The book itself doesn't come out until the end of the month," he said in Phoenix at the World Baseball Classic game between Canada and the United States. "But we will review everything there is to look at and at some appropriate time I'll have further comment, but I don't have any further comment at this point."

The Giants responded to Selig's comments by saying they would cooperate fully with the commissioner.

"The Giants fully support and will assist with commissioner Bud Selig's review of the circumstances surrounding the recent published report about Barry Bonds," the team said in a statement.

Bonds, who has repeatedly denied using performanceenhancing drugs, posted a note on his Web site thanking fans for their support without mentioning the newest allegations. His lawyer, meanwhile, questioned the book's credibility.

All around baseball, Bonds was topic No. 1.

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Boston pitcher David Wells said Bonds should "be a man and come out and say that he did it" if he used steroids. Wells said Bonds "probably" used them.

"If you're guilty and you got caught, come clean. I think you can get a lot more respect from people than [by] lying," Wells said.

Roger Clemens offered another opinion.

"I worry more about the man's health than I do about him hitting home runs or whatever this witch hunt we're on," the Team USA ace said.

"I think he got hammered pretty good last year, and it seems to be happening again this year. I don't know if it's going to change anything," he said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said Bonds' Hall of Fame status was up to individual voters. He said the overall steroids scandal had given the sport "a black eye" and watered down the home run marks.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sharp shooting effort vaults Musketeers over Minutemen

Antywane Robinson leads Temple in rout of Rhode Island as Owls tack up season-high 13 3-pointers in revenge win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Stanley Burrell scored 22 points Wednesday, leading a longrange shooting attack that carried Xavier to a 75-66 victory over Massachusetts in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Xavier (18-10) went 10-of-18 from behind the arc, scoring easily over the conference's stingiest 3-point defense. Burrell led the way, going 3-of-5 from behind the arc in a balanced offense that featured five players in double figures.

The Musketeers will play Charlotte, the tournament's No. 2 seed, on Thursday. They had a 78-65 victory at Charlotte on Jan. 14, before injuries sapped their lineup.

UMass (13-15) lost its opening game in the tournament for the

fourth straight year, ending a 20 in the game. season of inconsistency. James Freshman poi

Life led the Minutemen with 25

points, and Stephane Lasme

The downtown arena, located

a 20-minute drive from Xavier's

campus, was roughly half-full

for the evening game. The Musketeers technically were the

visiting team, wearing their

road blue uniforms, because

Xavier got the crowd into the

game and pulled ahead by 14

points in the first half. UMass

never got closer than five points

Xavier hit three consecutive

3-pointers to spark a decisive

21-4 first-half run that featured

nine points by Burrell. Xavier

took advantage of sloppy play

and listless perimeter defense

by the Minutemen, who had 12

turnovers in the first half and

UMass had the better seed.

the rest of the way.

added 20.

Freshman point guard Johnny Wolf, who became the starter when senior Dedrick Finn was kicked off the team Feb. 22 for violating school policy, hit a pair of 3's from behind the NBA arc during the run that put Xavier ahead to stay.

Xavier has been forced to rely on its outside shooters since forward Brian Thornton, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, broke his ankle on Feb. 11. Less than two weeks later, forward Justin Doellman broke two bones in his shooting hand.

As a result, Xavier finished the regular season in a 3-4 slump that included a 65-56 loss at Massachusetts on Saturday. The Musketeers faded in that one, failing to make a field goal in the final 8 minutes.

Massachusetts coach Travis Ford worried about his team's puzzling inconsistency heading into the rematch — only one three-game winning streak all season. On Wednesday, the Minutemen were out of sorts against a team they'd beaten only four days earlier.

Life got the Minutemen rolling early in the second half by hitting a 3 and, seconds later, stealing a crosscourt pass for a fastbreak dunk that cut the lead to 35-29. Xavier quickly ended the comeback by hitting three consecutive 3's in a 13-3 spurt, the first of them by Burrell.

UMass made a late run, cutting it to 61-56 on consecutive 3's by Jeff Viggiano and Life. Doellman put Xavier back in control by hitting a 3-pointer, then getting a steal and passing to Burrell for a fastbreak layup.

Doellman, playing with a brace on the right hand, went 4-of-11 from the field for 12 points.

Temple 74, Rhode Island 45

Antywane Robinson scored 23 points, one shy of his career high, and Temple made a season-high 13 3-pointers in beating Rhode Island Wednesday in the first round of the Atlantic-10 Tournament.



Xavier guard Stanley Burrell moves the ball against Massachussetts guard James Life during the Musketeers' 75-66 victory in the A-10 tournament Wednesday InCincinnati.

Mark Tyndale added 19 points streak and Dustin Salisbery scored 15 The

matchup

to lead Temple (16-13) into a

Thursday against top-seeded

and No. 6 George Washington.

The Owls ended the regular

season with a three-game losing

Robinson, who scored 14

points in Temple's loss at Rhode

Island on March 1, made 11

points in the first half as the

Owls opened a 10-point lead

with 7:31 left. He then hit two

straight 3-pointers during a 21-0 run that gave Temple a 63-33

lead midway through the sec-

Tyndale capped the run with

Will Daniel and Jimmy Baron

each scored 12 points to lead

the Rams (14-14), who won

their last two regular-season

games after a four-game losing

second-round

streak.

ond half.

back-to-back dunks.

The loss matched Rhode Island's 74-45 loss to Pittsburgh in 1981, the Rams' first season in the tournament, as the worst A-10 Tournament loss in school history.

Mardy Collins, Temple's leading scorer with an average of 17.1 points per game, was limited to a season-low six points. He had 10 assists.

SMU 61, Rice 59

Devon Pearson and Donatas Rackauskas scored 15 points each to lead SMU to a victory over Rice in the opening round of the Conference USA tournament Wednesday.

The Mustangs (13-15) will face No. 24 UAB, the tournament's No. 2 seed, on Thursday.

Bryan Hopkins, SMU's leading scorer, was held scoreless for the first time this season after missing all seven of his shots, but he grabbed a season-high 10 rebounds and had six assists.

Morris Almond, a C-USA first team all-conference selection, led the Rice (12-16) with 28 points on 12-of-17 shooting and hit three of his four shots outside the arc. His 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds left cut the SMU lead to the final twopoint margin.

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Temple guard Dustin Salisbery, top, defends as Rhode Island guard Jimmy Baron trips during their Atlantic 10 tournament game Wednesday in Cincinnati. The Owls won 74-45.

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J.R. Harrison added 13 for Owls.

SMU led throughout the second half, but never by more than six points.

The two teams were tied at 46 when the Rice's Cory Pflieger connected for his only points of the game on a 3-pointer with 6:26 left in the game. Pearson helped the Mustangs pull away down the stretch with a streak of 8 points.

SMU jumped out to an early lead thanks to Rackauskas, who scored 6 of the Mustang's first 8 points. But SMU went more than five minutes without scoring, allowing the Owls to score 10 straight points.

SMU shot 50 percent in the first half, but was hampered by 13 turnovers, leading to 13 Rice points. The Mustangs committed 21 turnovers in the game.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL Tournament committee faced with tough task

Chairman says '23 or 24' teams have already earned at-large bids, other 10 slots will be decided this weekend

Associated Press

The NCAA tournament's field of 65 seems to finally be coming together. Sort of.

Four days before the brackets are set, selection committee chairman Craig Littlepage said about two dozen teams are well positioned to receive one of the 34 at-large bids. That is a major change from two weeks ago when Littlepage acknowledged there were fewer "locks" than in past years.

If true, that could help alleviate some of the complaints bound to come Sunday night when the field is announced.

The last two and a half weeks have helped in many situations," said Littlepage, the athletic director at Virginia. "Right now, I would say I could come up with 23 or 24 teams that have done enough and that's probably around the average the committee comes up with when we take our first vote on Thursday. I feel pretty comfortable with the teams would put down on paper.'

But Littlepage has only one vote on the 10-member committee, meaning other opinions could still make this weekend more harried than usual.

Among the new issues the committee must contend with

◆The unusually high number of "mid-major" teams that have

better RPI ratings than those in the traditional power conferences, even better than perennial contenders such as Kansas and Kentucky.

◆The unbalanced schedules in some conferences, particu-larly the 16-team Big East where teams face nine opponents once, three teams twice and avoid three altogether.

◆Sorting through the logiam in conference standings, a phenomenon that has created more mediocrity than superior-

Of course, there are also typical problems such as evaluating injuries, determining whether suspended players might be available when the tournament begins next week and deciphering late-season trends.

Yet in a topsy-turvy season that has helped the profiles of teams such as Gonzaga and George Washington, who are ranked high enough to merit consideration for a No. 1 or No. 2 seed, nothing about this year's process seems easy.

"I think we've become pretty sophisticated in evaluating the schedules they've played and the resumes they've put togeth-er," Littlepage said. "We've got to come to some conclusions about the rigor of the schedules they've played, home versus road success and trends."

Instead of reducing the field,

though, Littlepage and his committee have been dealing with an expanded group of contenders.

During a dry run last month, Littlepage said the committee realized there were fewer "locks" than normal this year. A similar scenario played out again two weeks ago.

But late-season surges, collapses and conference tournament results have helped winnow the possibilities. Littlepage said beyond the two dozen teams he personally believes are in the tourney, 28 or 29 others are still under consideration.

Thirty-one conference champions will receive automatic bids; the rest of the field will be comprised of 34 at-large teams and the number of contenders will likely drop as conference tournaments play out.

Missouri Valley The Conference has five good candidates to receive an at-large bid - Missouri State, Northern Iowa, Wichita State, Bradley and Creighton. Southern Illinois received the automatic bid by winning the MVC tournament.

And the Colonial Athletic Association has three teams North Carolina-Wilmington, Hofstra and George Mason ranked in the RPI top 30. UNC-Wilmington beat Hofstra in the tournament title game to claim the automatic bid.



Syracuse forward Terrence Roberts dunks in a 74-73 win over Cincinnati Wednesday at the Big East tournament in New York.

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to hone his singles skills, and has spent the season working his way up the lineup. Specifically, he worked on his forehand to improve his overall success.

"Our assistant coach has really been working on changing my forehand from a closed stance to an open stance since my freshman year," Keckley said. "I'm just now reaping the benefits. ... I've benefited drastically from a few years of coaching."

Keckley is a native of South Bend and graduated from St. Joseph's High School, across the street from Notre Dame's campus.

"I was so close to home, but as everyone knows Notre Dame's like a bubble, you don't stray away from campus very much," Keckley said. "Overall, I guess you could say I didn't like Notre Dame as much my freshman year as I do now. I've kind of gotten over the whole "townie" thing and it is nice to have your parents so close even if you don't see them very much."

Although he looked at Northwestern and Virginia, Keckley stayed at Notre Dame for several reasons.

"I thought that Notre Dame was the best fit for me regarding both tennis and academics with the connections and the networking that Notre Dame offers," he said. "It was hard to pass up the opportunity."

At the age of three, Keckley started to play tennis and followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Jeff, who played collegiately at Dayton.

"My brother picked up a racquet when he was eleven and as a younger brother I wanted to follow everything my brother was doing," Keckley said. "I can say if it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't be playing or



Irish junior Ryan Keckley takes a shot in Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Michigan State Feb. 15 at Eck Tennis Pavillon.

wouldn't be playing at this high of a level."

Keckly said the team concept is important to this year's Irish squad.

"The guys are really close," he said. "We spend a lot of time together, especially in the spring semester since we're on the road so much. They're a great group of guys who are always looking to put the team ahead of themselves. ... I think we just realized the team's potential for success this year and for years to come, and realized that in order to be great, the team must come first."

As a leader, Keckley's teammates also admire him.

"I look up to him as a junior, especially because he's Mr. August [in the Men of Notre Dame calendar]," said teammate Santiago Montoya. "He's been playing really well and I look up to his tennis skills, but I also look up to the other part of his life."

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NCAA FOOTBALL New facts come to light in rape case

Navy quarterback's alleged victim testifies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A midshipman who says she was raped by the Naval Academy's starting quarterback testified Wednesday that with her help academy investigators secretly taped an apparent admission of the assault.

The woman, who has not been publicly identified, said that she called Lamar Owens on the phone and an investigator listened as he told her he felt distraught about what he had done and considered killing himself.

"I didn't do it for that long, you weren't even awake," said the midshipman quoting Owens.

Owens, a 22-year-old senior from Savannah, Ga., was charged last month under the military code of justice, with raping the female midshipman in her dormitory room on Jan. 29.

The alleged victim testified at the beginning of Owens' Article 32 hearing at the Washington Navy Yard. Described by the academy as roughly equivalent to a civilian grand jury proceeding, the hearing will determine. if there is sufficient evidence to go ahead with a court-

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martial, Navy officials said. Owens' lawyer, Steven F. Wrohle, has predicted that his

Wroble, has predicted that his client will be cleared by a military court.

The alleged victim testified the assault occurred after she had been out drinking at an Annapolis bar with friends. She said she was examined for rape on Jan. 31 and reported the attack to criminal investigators on Feb. 6. The taped conversation occurred shortly after.

Under cross-examination, the woman acknowledged she was very drunk on the night of the assault and that her memory of events was spotty. When defense attorney Wroble asked her if it was possible that she had consented to sex, she answered, "I suppose."

Later, however, she said, "I wouldn't define it as consent if I can't remember it happening."

Still later, she said, "I don't believe I would have consented."

Both Owens and the woman are attending classes at the academy, but officials say they have taken steps to ensure their paths do not cross.

Owens guided Navy's football team to an 8-4 season record that included victories over Air Force and Army and a victory in the Poinsettia Bowl over Colorado State.

National safety group calls for rules changes

Serious injury leads to criticism of certain moves, high pyramids

Associated Press

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ST. LOUIS - A national cheerleading safety group is calling for the suspension of certain aerial and towering stunts during this year's college basketball tournaments in response to a cheerleader's frightening fall from a 15-foot human pyramid. The injured cheerleader's coach on Wednesday criticized the action - which essentially bars cheerleaders from performing the high-flying tricks that many squads have been doing for years - as "devastating" and unnecessary. Effective immediately, the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators recommended college conferences bar basket tosses and high pyramids without a mat. But cheerleaders would not likely have time to haul the mats around during tournament games, meaning they would have to omit those routines. While the association has no enforcement power, the NCAA, NAIA and other basketball tournaments require cheerleading teams to conform to its guidelines. And squads are likely to comply, since conferences could kick cheerleading

teams out of games for breaking the rules.

"It'd be an unwise move for a coach or others to go against the committee," Jim Lord, the cheerleading group's executive director, said Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the Missouri Valley Conference barred its cheerleaders from such stunts during its women's basketball tournament, which begins Thursday. The MVC includes Southern Illinois University, whose nationally televised conference title game Sunday came to a halt when cheerleader Kristi Yamaoka lost her balance, toppled the wrong way off the human pyramid and landed on her head. The 18-year-old sophomore had a concussion and cracked vertebra in her neck, but gave a thumbs-up after she was strapped to a backboard and cheered with her arms as her school's band struck up its fight song. She was released Tuesday from a hospital. With Yamaoka escaping serious injury, "we dodged a bullet," Lord said. "We don't want to have another situation like that.' SIU's cheerleading coach, Jennifer Graeff, said that while her squad will comply with the restrictions, she questioned their necessity after what she called Yamaoka's "unfortunate accident" doing a formation she said is routinely done thousands of times a year.





Flat

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flat performance in the 80-72 loss to Marquette Feb. 25.

The score doesn't show it. It hasn't all season. But maybe getting to this national stage backfired against Notre Dame somewhat. Now, critics can question if the Irish even belonged here.

Irish coach Mike Brey made no secret at the beginning of the season that his team was young and inexperienced and that it would struggle. He was realistic. But up to this point, Brey also was able to portray his team as being good enough through the season, just not getting the breaks. The Irish used their small margins of defeat against Big East teams to their advantage (i.e. "See who we can play with?").

But on Wednesday, everyone in America had a chance to see how it's possible to play bad basketball and only lose by four.

Notre Dame couldn't guard anybody.

That's been their problem all year. That's why Georgetown guard Brandon Bowman scored a season-high 25 points. But the Irish always manage to stay close. Why?

Because they can shoot, and when they're not making shots, they keep shooting until they do.

That's a talent few teams have — the ability to come back from any size deficit at any point in the game and to do it quickly (i.e. Notre Dame's 75-74 loss to Connecticut Feb. 21). But that only makes Notre Dame a dangerous team. That doesn't make them a good one.

The Irish do deserve credit for their offensive proficiency and for fighting in every game, regardless of how much they are down.

But what in the name of the Dallas Mavericks does it matter

that you can make shots when you can't play defense? Do you see any rings on Mavs forward Dirk Nowitzki's fingers?

When Notre Dame played its 2-3 zone Wednesday and Georgetown passed the ball to the foul line, the center Irish defender — either Torin Francis, Rick Cornett or Luke Zeller — took his first step back.

The idea there must be to have the guards up top (Chris Quinn and Colin Falls) force the ball back out while the big man guards the baseline. Still, while that strategy limits Hoyas center Roy Hibbert to four points, it also allows Bowman to go off and steal the game at the end.

A few times, the Georgetown senior caught the ball at the foul line — his hot spot for the game — turned and hesitated with no defender in front of him. Hoyas fans were yelling "Shoot it! Shoot it!" but Bowman passed the ball out on those occasions, because Georgetown's coaches teach players not to shoot early in the shot clock.

Bowman, the Hoyas' best offensive player, probably never sees looks that open — or that early — so he understandably looked confused.

That stands in stark contrast to the faces of Notre Dame's coaches and players following the game. They weren't confused. They weren't surprised or shocked.

Because when your defense gives up that many open shots and allows that many secondchance opportunities, your team can't win. And the Irish though they have smart coaches and players who know that — simply couldn't do anything about it.

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Loss

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ance today," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said following the game. "He made smart plays."

Irish guard Russell Carter recovered a loose ball on Notre Dame's final chance to tie the game and was fouled with less than nine seconds remaining. But the junior missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Georgetown forward Jeff Green grabbed the rebound before being fouled.

Green hit the first free throw to make it a 4-point game and missed the second. But with no timeouts remaining and trailing by two possessions, Notre Dame could not recover.

"They're a very good, very poised basketball team," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Georgetown following the loss. "I thought we gave up second shots at key times that really hurt us — and we still had a chance to win."

The Irish struggled on the defensive end, and Georgetown exploited both Notre Dame's man-to-man and zone looks that it rotated into back-and-forth throughout the game. Georgetown — which attempted 24 3-pointers in the game ---also showed a willingness to shoot over Notre Dame, and when the Hoyas (41.4 field goal percentage) missed shots, strong offensive rebounding bailed them out.

"I thought the first shot was missing for the most part, but it was the second shot that hurt us," Brey said.

Notre Dame jumped out to an 11-0 lead early in the first half, mostly on the back of guard Colin Falls. Falls led the Irish with 21 points on 6-of-12 shooting (6-of-11 from 3-point range), but most of his open looks came in the first five minutes.

Georgetown adjusted to Falls'

us back the ball," Coyne said.

'We pressured them at all lev-

The Irish were able to outplay

Lehigh using either fast breaks

or working the ball around. Stick

control and accurate passing

enabled the offense to keep the

els.'

Irish guard Colin Falls looks to drive during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to Georgetown Wednesday in New York.

hot hand and made it tougher for Notre Dame to run its offense through him for the rest of the game.

"I got out in transition the first three or four plays of the game," Falls said. "They put the clamp down on defense ... and made it difficult to get open looks."

As the Irish cooled down, the Hoyas made more open shots and cut into Notre Dame's lead. Georgetown went on a 24-13 run to tie the game with 3:19 remaining in the first half.

Irish point guard Chris Quinn struggled on offense for much of the game, and Notre Dame subsequently had trouble getting open looks. Bowman, a long and athletic guard, harassed Quinn in the same way that DePaul guard Sammy Meija did Saturday when he limited Quinn to 11 points in the Irish win.

Quinn finished with eight points on 4-of-11 shooting but added eight assists and five rebounds.

The Irish responded late in the first half with an impressive two-for-one after Georgetown took its first lead with 1:07 left. Forward Rick Cornett hit a lay up on the offensive end followed by a Quinn lay up off a Georgetown miss to take a 30-27 lead into the break.

But Georgetown controlled the tempo in the second half behind center Roy Hibbert's strong presence on the defensive end. Hibbert grabbed 11 rebounds and added four blocks.

"[Hibbert] is a presence and we need him to continue to be a plus," Thompson III said.

Irish forward Rob Kurz provided a second half spark for Notre Dame, finishing with 11 points on 4-of-9 shooting (3-of-4 from 3-point range) and 11 rebounds.

Georgetown advances to play No. 4-seed Marquette today at 2 p.m. The winner of that game will face the winner of the second-round matchup between No. 1 Connecticut and No. 8 Syracuse Friday. Syracuse beat No. 9 Cincinnati Wednesday on a Gerry McNamara 3-pointer with .5 seconds remaining.

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Dominant

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McKinney, Alicia Billings and Caitlin Lucas — the first of her career — put the final score at 20-4.

Byers had the best game of her short career — scoring five goals and earning four assists in the win. Her nine points gave her the Irish freshman record for points in a game and tied the record for most points in a home game set by Lael O'Shaughnessy in 1998 and Kerry Callahan in 1996.

Senior Crystie Foote added to the win with three goals and four assists of her own, giving her a total of 38 points in five games this season. Foote's eight points against the Mountain Hawks tied the Notre Dame record for points in a half set by Callahan in 1997. But Irish coach Tracy Coyne credited this win to the team as a whole. "This game was more about the team as a whole," Coyne said. "The focus was definitely on tactics instead of individual performance.' Coyne said she believed this goal was accomplished, especially through the play of the Irish defense. The Irish topped the Mountain Hawks 26 to 14 on ground balls controlled and managed 17 out of 20 clears. Notre Dame won the turnover battle as well, causing 13 turnovers to Lehigh's five, and as a team turned the ball over 12

fewer times than the Mountain Hawks.

The defense, led by Meaghan Fitzpatrick and Kerry Van Shura, was able to shut down the Lehigh attack, allowing only eight total shots on goal. The Irish goalies, Carol Dixon in the first half and Erin Goodman in the second, were able to prevent a Lehigh comeback.

Coyne was very proud of the

effort put forth by her defense. "We had solid pressure throughout the game, starting with forcing turnovers that gave ball out of Lehigh's hands, especially in the second half. The Irish were able to move the ball quickly to the attack and

the ball quickly to the attack and from there gained numerous scoring opportunities, scoring five unassisted goals.

The Irish were able to work on several of the things Coyne said the team needed to improve on, but not all.

"This team didn't pressure us

at the midfield as much as Cornell, and that's one of the things we worked on for this game," Coyne said. Notre Dame beat Cornell 17-15 March 5.

The Irish will next take the field against James Madison Sunday at noon at the Loftus Center.

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SPORTS

Men's Basketball

Hoyas top Notre Dame 67-63 in first round of Big East tournament

By BOBBY GRIFFIN Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK — For a school with plenty of tradition, Notre Dame had some of it catch up with the team Wednesday in a 67-63 loss to Georgetown in the first round of the Big East tournament.

The loss was another Notre Dame defeat in a contest it had a chance to win in the final minutes. The Irish also lost a first round Big East tournament game for the fifth time in six years.

Coming out of a Georgetown 30second timeout with 43 seconds remaining, the Hoyas ran down the shot clock before guard Brandon Bowman made an athletic left-handed lay up to give Georgetown a 66-63 lead.

Bowman led Georgetown with a career-high 25 points on 9-of-17 shooting. He also grabbed seven rebounds and four assists in 34 minutes

"Bowman had a special perform-

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At left, Georgetown's Jeff Green, right, elevates over Irish center Torin Francis during Notre Dame's 67-63 loss to the Hoyas. Above, Irish guard Chris Quinn drives to the basket.

Team doesn't show up for game it could have won

NEW YORK — Apparently getting to the Big East tournament was enough.

Notre Dame showed no urgency, made no adjustments and had no

chance against Georgetown in the first round Wednesday. And for a team that was in the Sweet 16 four years ago, laying down in New York is just unacceptable.



Sports Writer

Of course, reaching this

point was a success. The Irish did what most thought they could not — fight through a string of heartbreaking losses to win late and accomplish their preseason goal of playing at the Garden.

But Notre Dame should be embarrassed. At no point past an 11-0 run to open the game did this team appear on par with its opponent. It was worse than the team's

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE Squad destroys Lehigh at Loftus



Irish top Mountain Hawks 20-4 at home

By JAY FITZPATRICK Sports Writer

Freshman attack Jill Byers scored the first Irish goal just 17 seconds into Wednesday's game against Lehigh.

Notre Dame (5-0) then went on to score 19 more in a 20-4 blowout of the Mountain Hawks (1-2) at the Loftus Center.

Notre Dame scored six unanswered goals to start the contest, holding visiting Lehigh scoreless for the first 10 minutes of play. When the Mountain Hawks finally did score, the Irish were able to kill their momentum with 6-0 and 5-0 runs after each of their two first half goals. Lehigh's third and fourth goals were the only pair scored consecutively by the Mountain Hawks, but both were scored on a freshman goalie with many substitutes in the game. Goals by Irish reserves Caitlin

Men's Tennis Hometown hero bursts onto scene

South Bend native Keckley excels after summer in Europe

By KATE GALES Associate Sports Editor

He hits hard in doubles and has become a consistent point in singles.

As the Irish tennis program has its best season in years, Ryan Keckley is having a breakout vear of his

Keckley is playing at the No. 4 spot in the singles lineup for Notre Dame and is usually one of the two players paired together in No. 1 doubles, most recently Sheeva Parbhu.

"I was recruited for doubles specifically," Keckley said. "In high school, as a junior tennis player, I was significantly better in doubles than I was in singles. This could be because of the style of game I play — I'm more of a serve and volleyer and up in the court ... from the doubles stand-

point, this helps tremendously." Keckley thrives on what h

Irish midfielder Mary Carpenter throws a pass during Notre Dame's 20-4 win over Lehigh Wednesday at the Loftus Center.

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own. "I love to compete, and being on a who team craves that win as much as I do makes tennis at Notre Dame worthwhile. **Keckley** Keckley said.

"I wouldn't have it any other

way."

called "the fast pace, 'in your face'" style of play that doubles requires.

[Irish] coach [Bobby Bayliss] always says [doubles play] is a sprint," he said. "There's no time to think of what you're doing wrong or right, you just have to play.

But after spending some of the summer in Europe, Keckley returned to South Bend prepared

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